



Annual Report 2016-17

CSA is the development-action wing of CHRIST(Deemed to be University) and takes initiative each year to encourage all its stakeholders to take social responsibility and make consistent efforts to impact the communities of CSA, Christ, and the project areas. The following events of the academic year 2016-17 are as follows:

1. **THE PROMOTIONAL PLAY:** With the theme of Child Abuse, the play was held on the Thursday of June 9, 2016. It had a total of 3 scenes with props (dupattas) formations and chants. The overall coordination was good with great turnout and response. The purpose was to publicize CSA and Drishti, to gain as many first year volunteers as possible with 14 volunteers for the play. The play had an outcome of 60 first year students volunteering for Drishti with a large audience.



2. **Workshop:** On 24th July 2016, volunteers at an Activity Centre in Bristol were confused

and still unaware of the duties and roles they had to fulfill. A total of 80 volunteers attended this workshop and many of them are better off for this. The session was partly informal and involved interactive activities and role playing which resulted in many volunteers breaking out of their shell, revealing their difficulties, misconceptions and doubts, as well as bonding more closely with the organization.



3. NUDGE Foundation Collaboration: Drishti conducted a play on the theme of Child Abuse and Empowerment on Friday of July, 8, 2016 at GURUKULS NEAR SAI BABA ASHRAM. With two plays, three scenes each, chants, one narrator each they had brilliant acting skills, Kannada dialogues executed well. It's purpose was to spread awareness about the given themes and sensitize the audience. The audience was well-informed about the issues but it was not a good first Drishti experience.



4. PROJECT AREA PLAY: On Friday, July 15, 2016 with the theme of Gender Inequality to sensitize young LR and Ambedkar Nagar AC children about gender equality one play was put on with brilliant narration. The children were very receptive, their enhanced understanding of the theme as a result of the play was checked in AC classrooms



5. Parivarthana stall: Parivarthana stall was organized as a part of CSA promotional activities on 10 June, 2016 in the walkway of the Main Campus. Products made in Parivarthana were kept for sale in the stall from 9 AM to 4 PM. Sales amounting to Rs.7500 was made during this initiative, focusing on a clean environment as well as gender equality.



6. Career Guidance: CSA held career guidance on 26th August 2016, for the students of class 9 and 10 so that they are aware of the numerous options they can choose to pursue their dreams. This year's career guidance was conducted in 2 sessions, the first session was focused on imparting the information and the second session to address the parents of the sponsored children. In the first session, the students were made aware of the various opportunities they can choose in PUC like humanities. The events were divided into three sessions in the even semester and the first session was conducted through a drishti play and then house visits in L.R nagar. The house visits were aimed at letting the parents know what careers their children can pursue.



7. CAMP Play: A play was organized on 21 August 2016 with the theme Sanitation and Disease Prevention. There were 2 performances with volunteers from the Main and the BGR campuses. The play was held at Kolar.



8. Waste Segregation Play: The theme being Waste Segregation on Monday, August 1 2016 held at the Main Campus to inform Christites about the importance of waste segregation on

campus through entertainment and humor. Questions were asked to the audience as a part of the play and after, during which their responses were correct.



9. Social Responsibility Week Play: With the theme of Social Entrepreneurship on 15 August, 2016, a play was organized to facilitate Christites in comprehending the meaning and purpose of social entrepreneurship. This play was considered one of the best campus plays staged by Drishti for there was very good coordination and chemistry in the team.



10. Slogan campaign: Conducted in the first week of August, the slogan campaign was conducted with the aim of creating awareness among Christites regarding the segregation of waste

has been the central focus of Prayatna. As an initiative towards achieving this, slogans relating to waste segregation were written on the boards of many classrooms before classes started. This initiative was successful in attracting the attention of the students and infusing the idea of proper segregation.



11. Workshop for Parivarthana women: On 9th July, a workshop for Parivarthana women consisted of various team building activities to improve the bonding among those women and also to provide a gateway from their monotonous and tiring work . First, they were made to play a trust building game which they thoroughly enjoyed. After that, a small inspirational video was shown, which received overwhelming reactions. We then proceeded to test their knowledge on segregation and each one of them answered perfectly. Their grievances had also been addressed in this session.



12. Clean-up drive in collaboration with YFP: Youth For Parivarthan(YFP) is an NGO that works for a clean Bangalore. On 17th July, 2016, Prayatna collaborated with YFP in conducting a

clean-up drive in Vinayak Nagar, where the spot had been dumped with garbage. The spot was cleaned, painted and planted with saplings. This was achieved by a group of Christites and the volunteers from YFP.



13. Carnival: One of the new initiatives our predecessors had planned on 10th September 2017 was the Carnival where we would collaborate with multiple departments of the University to put up a special day of fun and learning for the kids, at the University of Guyana. It included science exhibits, experiments and displays, dance performances, game stalls and a painting stand. For the event, we approached the departments of life sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics, electronics, professional studies, psychology, performing arts, hotel management, and Parivartana to set up science exhibits, experiments and displays; dance performances, game stalls and a painting stand; and lastly provide food for all involved.



14. Idea conclave: On 31st July, 2016, CSA was invited to give a presentation regarding Prayatna in the idea conclave organized by CSR Karma. This event was an open forum where various ideas were proposed towards a better society and various success stories were shared. It was a great platform to forward Prayatna towards an effective audience.



15. Nature Walk: On 16 November, 2016, a group of 12 volunteers assembled in front of the SIB ATM to travel to Cubbon park for a nature walk. The volunteers discussed the wing activities for the months of November and December. The reason for this team building session for all these volunteers was for chart making for the waste segregation campaign.



16. JANAKIRAM LAYOUT Awareness Campaign: On 7th December, 2016, to spread awareness in Janakiram Layout, which is a project area plagued with a variety of issues ranging from substance abuse, to exploitation of women, and suicide. The play was structured in a way that attempted to make the audience rethink their life choices and give up on excessive use of drugs.



17. Gracias' Kid's Play: On 15th December 2016, two weeks worth of practice came to fruition as 16 children from LR and Ambedkar Nagar performed a musical drama in the Main Auditorium for Gracias. The best outcome was seen in how the children had established good rapport with Drishti volunteers, who rarely ever do bond with the project. The children, too, expressed feelings of pride over their performance.



18. CAREER GUIDANCE: To help children writing their boards, and their parents, to understand the importance of opting for higher education, and stressing on the importance of choosing the right course according to their capacities and interest, a Career Guidance session was organized on 4th February, 2017. The children of the project areas, who are accustomed to Drishti plays, responded positively. AC volunteers expressed how their door-to-door campaign was facilitated by this, as well.



19. SIRSI CAMP PLAY: To sensitize the adolescents of the area against the excessive use of marijuana, and about the ill-effects of long term dependence, a play was conducted on 10th February, 2017. They were also promoted to pursue their dreams and aspirations by not considering “boredom” in school as motive enough to trigger such dependence.



20. CUBBON PARK Play: On 19th Feb, 2017, two performances, three scenes depicting Bulimia, Depression and ADHD, extensive formation and cluster use was performed in Cubbon Park. The aim was to remove the stigma latched onto mental health problems, to urge the audience to medically diagnose the same as they would with any other physiological illness, to promote acceptance and concern.



21. SRW Play: On 22nd february 2017, Drishti conducted a play with the following aim in mind: to compel Christites to understand the gravity of the issue of trafficking, the aftermath and how one's apathy and insensitivity toward such a grave issue can have serious implications on the lives of innocent people.



22. Activity Centre NGO Collaborations: On 7th February and 18th February, 2016, Activity Centre tied up with an NGO named Thread India, which is an organization focused on the career guidance of PU students and helps them in choosing the electives which will help them to pursue their ambitions. This NGO was a student body and 2 students accompanied us with career guidance and helped them to choose the subjects which would help them to build a successful career and educate them about the infinite career options that lay ahead of them.



23. Disease awareness week: From 28th February to 3rd March, 2017, the disease awareness week was held. This camp was mainly focused on making the people aware of the health related problems they might face in their areas. We collected data from some medical students and categorized the problems into five. The first day, we did house visits and nearly visited 150 houses in Ambedkar nagar. The second day, we conducted activities for the children in the same area. The third day we covered 100 houses in L.R nagar and we discussed the issues at hand.



24. JANAKIRAM LAYOUT Play: On 8th march 2017, a play was conducted focusing on Janakiram Layout's serious problem of alcoholism and influence of youngsters. To prevent children and adolescents of the region from succumbing to the same addictions and ruin their future by destroying their educational lives.



25. Chat Over Coffee: Students from all across the University gather in the event “Chat Over Coffee” in order to discuss and debate about the implications and various aspects of contemporary social issues. Ironies surrounding Pokemon Go and lifestyle changes prompted by it were debated in the first C.O.C. The second C.O.C was based on The Challenges of Education. Another topic of great interest was Demonetization and its benefits and problems that occurred in the latter part of the year. Collaborative Chat over Coffee were also held in collaboration with Gandhi Fellowship and Teach for India. There were also sessions held during each Social Responsibility Week based on the topics of Human Trafficking and Social Entrepreneurship. The point of a Chat over Coffee is to hold healthy discussions and to promote discovery among those who love to debate.



26. Story Hunts: Story hunts are organized to give CSA volunteers and the broader student body of Christ University a realistic vision of how social issues intrinsically affect society. There were four story hunts held this year. The first Story Hunt was held in Turahalli. In that, the volunteers who attended were educated about ecology and the problems of pollution and the loss of forestland. The second Story Hunt was held in Shivajinagar. In the third Story Hunt, the volunteers were taken to a Dhobi Ghat where they interacted with the Dhobis regarding their lives and their work. The last Story Hunt was held in the Bangalore Literary Festival in which a more educational approach was taken towards searching for stories.



27. Waste Segregation Play: One of the main problems that we face in maintaining Christ University as a zero-waste campus is the lack of awareness regarding the proper segregation of waste. Hence, a play on waste segregation was put up by Drishti in collaboration with Prayatna to create awareness among Christities in front of the Central block. A splendid performance by Drishti had attracted a huge crowd and an impact was seen.



28. CSA organized a Health Checkup Camp in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited on 10th of November, Thursday. It put the SDG of Good Health and Wellbeing into the center of its events, with 40 participants benefitting from the checkup camp. The health camp offered- Assessment of 'risk factors' for NCDs like Obesity, Hypertension, Diabetes, Anemia, Cardiovascular diseases, Stroke and Cancer; Screening using Point of Care devices for Hypertension, Diabetes, Anemia and Lipid profile; Diet & lifestyle modification counseling for identified high-risk individuals; Tele-consultation for identified 'high risk' beneficiaries.

