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TALENTS' DAY' 18

When Dreams take Flight: Talents Day

Talents' Day, a spectacular event meant for children from our project areas to showcase their talents, was organized on 29 July, 2018 at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Main Campus.

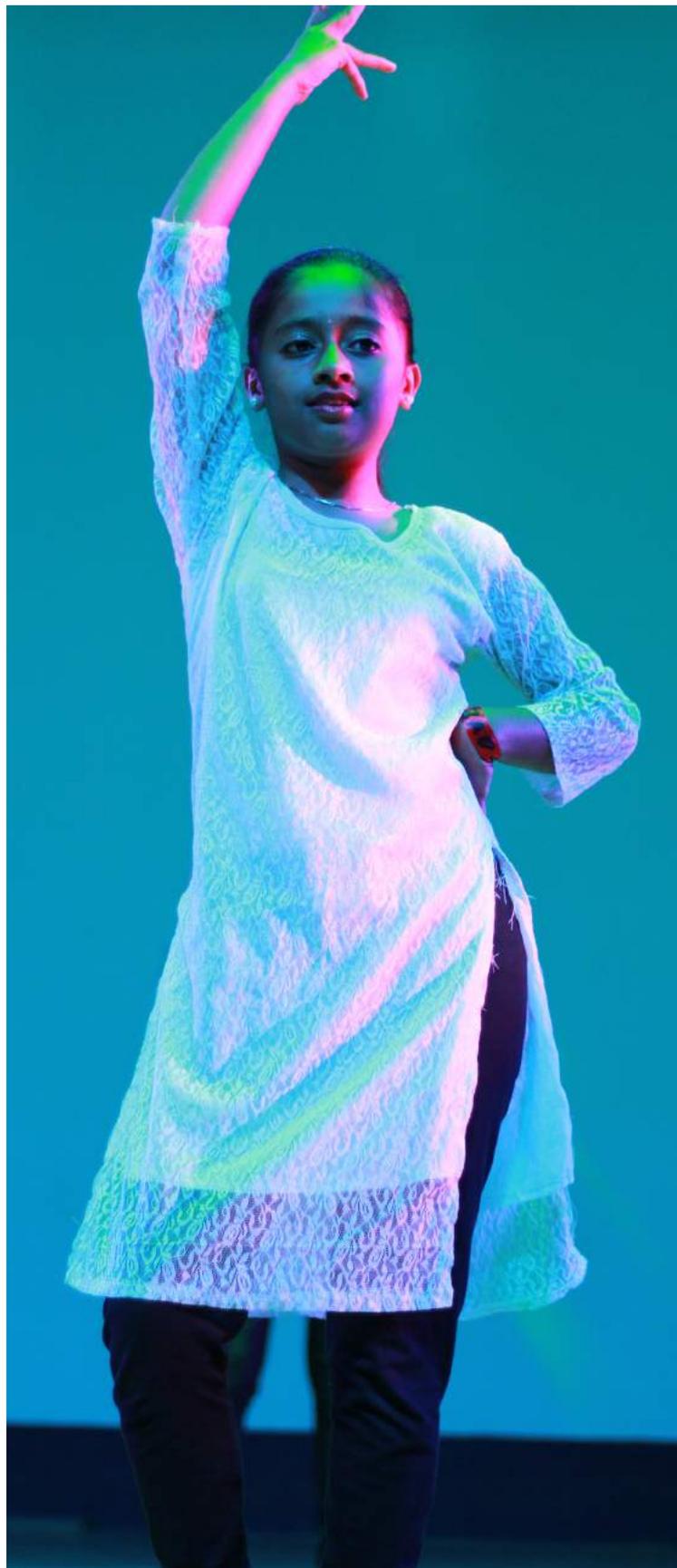
The entire campus was abuzz with action as the day witnessed an outpour of enthusiasm and excitement all the way from the areas of Vriddhi (LR Nagar and Ambedkar Nagar) and 3D (Jankiram Layout). From the very beginning, the teams from the two project areas had their eyes on the title of overall champion. This year, the events were based on the theme "Love of Fellow Beings" - one of CHRIST's core values.



A multitude of off-stage events like memory-game, face-painting, coloring, greeting-card making, word-search, picture comprehension, elocution and best out of waste ignited the creative spark in each child. Further, on-stage events like group song, group dance and mime provided the children with an opportunity to steal the spotlight. Revolving around various sub-themes like environment, Independence day, love for nature and patriotism, the competitions were in line with CSA's goal of promoting holistic values. The function closed with the valedictory ceremony in which the winners of the various events were felicitated by Mr.Ranjit Kumar Singh, Ms.Ashwini Brirdar and Prof.Phinu Jose. The team from Vriddhi emerged as the overall champions.

The children returned home, with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. The tagline of the event 'You gave them

wings, now watch them fly' came true, for many fresh spirits had flown that day.



RURAL EXPOSURE CAMP

Camping for a Cause: Rural Exposure

The Rural Exposure Camp 2018 was organized by CSA from 13 August 2018 to 15 August 2018 in a town named Srinivaspura of the Kolar district. A total of 83 volunteers attended the camp located in one of CSA's rural project areas. The event aimed to sensitize volunteers on the existence of an alternate reality beyond the comforts of metropolitan Bangalore. Liberally sprinkled with briefing sessions and orientations by various faculty members, the first day of camp proved to be a true learning experience about the activities and improvements in the area.

The second day too was action packed, as a series of strenuous but rewarding tasks like painting the CSA office in Kolar and cleaning the heavily-polluted Yeldur lake attempted to enhance the living condi-

tions of the area. Volunteers displayed their artistic flair by adorning the walls with paintings of a tree, mandala and Warli art. Further, two vibrant street plays were put up on the theme "Lake pollution", enabling volunteers to explore their skills in street theatre.

Independence day at camp was a spectacle worth witnessing as the volunteers put up musical and dance performances in five schools. The air was alive with patriotic energy as the volunteers participated in a rally with the children, chanting slogans in praise of India and the freedom fighters who fought for our independence. Overall, the camp ignited a soft corner in our hearts and raised awareness on our responsibilities towards the society and fellow beings.



NGO EXPOSURE

Inspiring Ideas: NGO Exposure

The NGO Exposure was conducted on 1 September 2018 at THE NEW ARK MISSION- HOME OF HOPE. A destitute home, the organization is run by an auto-driver turned social activist, Mr. Raja (popularly known as Auto-Raja). A 10-minute documentary showcasing the work done by Auto-Raja left a deep imprint on volunteers and motivated them to sow the seeds of social reform. This was reinforced by an interactive session with Auto-Raja himself, who enlightened the volunteers on the striking elements of his 20-year journey from crime to community service. The volunteers personified energy and fun, engaging the children of the area in songs and activities that left them in peals of laughter. At the end, they danced with the women and created a memory to cherish for both parties. "I will die here, serving these people", said Auto-Raja with a smile on his face and a sense of pride in his eyes. He truly defines the quote written on the entrance gate of the NGO - "LIVE FOR THEM". The day truly proved to be a spark of inspiration for volunteers, which ignited a flame of passion to serve the society



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WEEK

Sensitizing Intellect: Social Responsibility Week

Change begins at home. Social Responsibility Week, the flagship event of Centre for Social Action was organized from 10 September 2018 to 14 September 2018 at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Main Campus. Aiming to sensitize Christites about a socially relevant-issue – SRW featured a flurry of activity including talks, NGO stalls and various competitions spanning across the campus. The central theme of Resource Management was perfectly captured in the title ‘Samrakshan’, meaning conservation. The resources focused on included water, electricity, food and plastic.

Pre-event publicity involving props, catchy slogans, interactive activities and social media campaigns set the right tone for a successful event. With the active support of NGOs like REGENO and Eco Clocks, SRW achieved its objective of spreading awareness at a micro level, trium-

phantly. Dynamic talks on topics like Water Conservation and Sustainable Menstruation created a ripple that spread throughout the University and beyond. The element of competition introduced by fun events like Treasure Hunt, Meme-making, Poster-making, JAM, etc proved to be effective in energizing the student community. SRW involved the participation of 6 deaneries in 7 events and 4 talks.

The Valedictory Ceremony on 15-9-2018, graced by the presence of Dr. Victor Paul, CSA Team Leader marked the culmination of the event. The School of Law emerged victorious and received the title of Overall Winners. On the whole, Social Responsibility Week successfully created an atmosphere of social awareness that inspired students to contribute towards the larger cause of social change.



Centre for Social Action is a student voluntary organization of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) that aims to sensitize Christites about various socially relevant issues, spread awareness and instill a sense of empathy in them. CSA works in the field of women empowerment and child development.

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