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Department of Zoology

National Seminar on Depletion of Forests and Livelihood Concerns



17th & 18th February, 2012

Dear Friends

Greetings

We the members of organizing committee are pleased to invite you and your colleagues to the National Seminar on Depletion of Forests and Livelihood Concerns. We hope to provide a common platform to both young and experienced scientists to interact. Kindly forward this brochure to all. Your Presence and interaction in the seminar is solicited.

Christ University

Established in 1969, it has been re-accredited with A+ Grade by NACC, in May 2005 and has been declared an autonomous institution from September 2005. It has been continually rated among the top 10 educational institutions of the country. The college was declared a Deemed University on July 22, 2008.

Department of Zoology

Being one of the oldest departments of the university, it strives to promote all round development of students by inculcating spirit of inquest, discipline and adventure. "Species"- an annual intercollegiate subject festival, 'Intran' & 'Inquiry'- investigative projects brought out by the final year students every year, a departmental newsletter, Earn while you learn scheme, Green Army -The environment cell of the university, UGC sponsored Certificate, Diploma and Post Diploma courses in Pollution Abatement Technology, Certificate course in Vermitechnology, various research projects undertaken by the faculty etc. are the unique features of the department.

Depletion of Forests and Livelihood Concerns

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About the Seminar

Forests are important natural capital. Forest ecosystems provide cleaner drinking water, a home for plants and animals, economic growth, clean air, recreational opportunities, reassuring future. Since forests provide a large portion of the world's resources, many forests are cut down or burned. Huge corporate farms burn thousands of square acres a year. They need this much room so they can provide farming on a much larger scale to compete in the world market for food. Tropical rainforests cover about 7% of the world, but are home to more than half of the species living in the world. After a forest is cut down, many species cannot live without it and possibly go extinct. Since we depend on these species for many resources, their extinction will rob us of their benefits.

Perhaps we might destroy the next cure for AIDS by deforestation and not know it. Forests are home to three million people around the world. Livelihood of over 1.6 billion people depend on forests. Forests are home to over 80 percent of our terrestrial biodiversity.

Many countries are taking steps to reduce deforestation for a more sustainable earth. Unfortunately, financial gain and high competition still exists with deforestation, and for some it's the only way of survival.

People are not educated about the long term results their actions may cause. Because of these reasons, deforestation is still a reality around the world in many countries and is a serious threat to life's future on our planet. Therefore, shifting the focus of development efforts from resources and products to people and their livelihood outcomes lies at the heart of the sustainable livelihoods approach.

The efforts of private sector and NGOs to restore natural resources and improving social capital have been quite successful. Thus in the backdrop of the just concluded international year of forests; the department Zoology at Christ university intends to create widespread awareness on the importance of forests among the students, academicians, professionals and the public at large.

Target Group

Students from under graduate level to Ph.D, University / College Teachers, Forest Department Staff, NGOs in the conservation field etc.

Major thematic areas for submission of papers

- ❖ Ecosystem - People and Their Livelihood
- ❖ Biodiversity Conservation and Food Security
- ❖ Role of Forests in Water Conservation
- ❖ Role of NGOs and Private Sector in Afforestation
- ❖ Man - Animal Conflict and Mitigation Measures
- ❖ Women's Role in Forest Management
- ❖ Joint Forest Management
- ❖ Production Forestry
- ❖ Climate Change
- ❖ Litter Fauna and Canopy Fauna

Structure of the Seminar

The seminar will be held in the Auditorium Block of Christ University, Bangalore. It features key note speeches, panel discussions, lead talks, paper presentations by participants, best paper awards and cultural programmes.

There will be an exclusive session for presentation of simple research papers by undergraduate students. A field study is also being planned in the Bannerghatta National Park on the second day of the seminar.

Call for Papers

Participants are requested to send papers related to the above mentioned themes for presentation. Kindly submit an abstract of your proposed presentation by an email word attachment to antony.pu@christuniversity.in on or before **10th February 2012**.

Include the name, surname, organization represented, address, telephone number and Email of contributor(s) after the title of the paper. Participants will be informed by **13th February 2012** or earlier the status of acceptance of their papers. Abstracts of all the papers accepted will be released as a publication at the Meet.

Registration Fee*

Teachers & Other Professionals	₹ 500.00
Research Scholars	₹ 300.00
UG / PG Students	₹ 100.00

(Registration Fee includes Cost of Seminar Kit, Food and Field Trip)

* Payable by DD only, drawn in favour of 'Christ University, Bangalore'.

Delegates requiring accommodation need to mention the requirement in the registration form. Room rent is to be paid as per the tariffs.