



DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGICAL CONCERNS



12 Green School programme (GSP)

We want to make a difference.

The CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns do believe that the mission mandate of the Church today in the education sector is to teach Sustainability. CSI has 1900 schools spread all over five southern states in India. In addition to the curriculum prescribed, we teach the students a sustainable way of living. Green Schools give emphasis to sustainability. Students are encouraged to take a proactive approach to environmental challenges and are asked to share their new found knowledge and skills with members of their family. The CSI believes that the right place to give training is to School Children. Hence we began the Green School Programme.

13 National and International Ecological Conferences



CSI organised six National and five international ecological Conferences for net working and sharing our concerns. Next International conference is from 4th to 8th June 2019 at Chennai, India.

14 Organic farming

We promote organic farming. The CSI has taken a strong stand against GM crops. GM inevitably leads to loss of our right over seeds thereby the loss of food sovereignty of the country



15 Climate Justice Ministries



The most of the CSI Congregations belong to the communities that are vulnerable to Climate Change. We create awareness on "Climate Justice" at the congregational level in these diocese. We inspire the congregations to discern climate justice as an integral part of churches public witness today. We hope that the congregations would be equipped to involve in saving creations whose life and livelihood are under threat.

16 World Environment Day /Earth day Celebrations



17 #GPGD 12 Points: Green Protocol for 'Green Discipleship'

In the life and ministry of the Church, the CSI would like to promote sustainable development practices and to build power for change. Hence, the CSI Synod published the '# GPGD 12 Points: Green Protocol for Green Discipleship - A Guideline of 12 Points for the CSI Dioceses to develop Green Congregations'. We hope and pray that all the parishes in the CSI would abide by this Green Protocol and would thus effectively participate in the 'Green-Discipleship' of our Church.

Secret of Life

I have learnt this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little (Philippians 4: 12).

Philosophy of life

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6- 9)



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GREEN CAMPAIGN OF CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA(CSI)

OUR UNIQUENESS

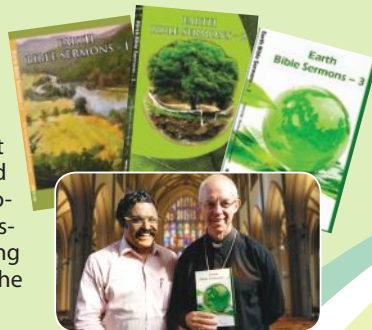
The CSI Synod constituted an ecological committee in 1992.

CSI is the only Church in India which has mentioned Ecology as a mission in its Constitution and in its Mission statement. Only Church in India recognised by UNDP with an eco Award, in 2009

OUR PROGRAMMES

1 Publication of Earth Bible sermons

Earth Bible Sermons are readings of the Bible from the perspective of the Earth. The sermons are the Biblical responses that Jesus would have had to face the present ecological crisis. It is a listening and responding to Bible texts from the stand point of Earth.



2 Publication of Green parables

Retelling of Parables of Jesus Green Parables makes an attempt to re-read, retell, re-actualize the parables of Jesus in contemporary narratives.



3 Ecological Sunday - 2nd Sunday of June



15000 congregations, 4.3 million people of CSI celebrate Ecological Sunday on 2nd Sunday of June every year, marking the beginning of innovative programmes in their parishes. Through eco-liturgy and eco sermon we are giving insight to the congregation on the faith aspect of conserving the integrity of creation.

4 Planting of saplings



The CSI Church is the only Church in India which has taken a strong stand in favour of the Gadgil committee report to protect the biodiversity of 1600 km

stretch of Western Ghats. Planting sapling and nurturing is a spiritual work. Our motto: 'Plant fruit bearing plants outside your boundaries' Some healthy practices in some dioceses- after Marriage, the first task the couples perform is planting a sapling on the campus of the Church. Welcome the guests with a sapling of a flowering plant.

5 Rain water harvesting..

We promote digging mud pits in all the lands of our churches and our institutions, in order to harvest rain water. Due to climate Change water scarcity is a serious issue. CSI is promoting rain water harvesting in order to mitigate water scarcity.



6 Waste management

Waste Management education in schools, with pupils designing posters, writing essays, staging a drama, and making other presentations about recycling. As a hallmark of operation our phrase is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse"

7 Renewable Energy

The CSI is promoting solar-absorbing panels to generate electricity in all the institutions owned by the CSI. CSI promotes the use of solar energy wherever possible



8 Green clergy Fellowship



The Clergy of CSI, interested in Ecological Concerns are grouped as Green Clergy. Through WhatsApp and emails we regularly update them of the latest eco developments. Green Clergy meet twice a year. Earth Bible Sermons, Green parables are the contributions of Green Clergy fellowship.

9 Green Teachers Fellowship



The teachers who are interested in ecological work are grouped into Green Teachers Fellowship. Through WhatsApp, Emails we regularly update and share eco concerns. Green Teachers meet once in a year.

10 Environmental rally

For educating the public we conduct rally.



11 Green Diocese, Green parish, Green home, Green School, awards.

We have been giving green awards to promote ecological Concerns since 2004



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