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Nurturing the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow Inauguration of Kristu Jayanti Incubation Center



Chief Guest Mr. Subhash Dhar, Co-founder and CEO of Commerce Mint, inaugurating KJIC

Amal Devasia

With the goal of providing a space for students to build their business, 'Kristu Jayanti Incubation Center' (KJIC) was inaugurated on

August 29, 2016, at Kristu Jayanti College. Mr. Subhash Dhar, Co-Founder and CEO, Commerce Mint, was the Chief Guest of the day. Along with him, Mr. Sanjeev Sukumaran, Mr. Sreeni Gopal,

Co-Founders, Sherpify, were also present to address the students on the benefits of working with an incubation center exclusively built inside the campus. With the tag line of 'Innovate, Implement and

Succeed', the incubation center aims at helping the students of the college build a business or by providing them with management training, business plans and prototypes to successfully venture into an

enterprise. The college has also joined hands with Sherpify, an organization that aids budding startups. Fr Josekutty PD, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College, during his address spoke about the importance of taking risks. "Your dreams become a reality only when you have an idea and work with perseverance to make it happen," commented Fr. Josekutty PD. Mr. Subhash Dhar, whose training venture named Commerce Mint is essentially a startup school for entrepreneurs, shared his experiences on starting business early in his life, and also spoke about the equity participation necessary in business. "Venture capitalists shouldn't be the reason to stop chasing your dreams and start a business," said Mr. Dhar. Mr. Sanjeev Sukumaran, Co-Founder of Sherpify, remarked, "The risk taking ability and the drive to increase the momentum of success is a key factor in the sustainable growth of a startup."

Jnana Darshan



Imtiyaz Jamir

Jnana Darshan, the annual book exhibition was organized on August 10, 2016, by the Department of Library and Information Science, Kristu Jayanti College. The two-day exhibition hosted the sale and display of books by eight different publishers from across the city. The sellers exhibited books from a wide variety of streams. The chief guest for the event was Mr. S.K. Shyama Sundara, Chief Editor for One India, an online news portal. He spoke on the importance of reading books and urged that students should read books, to be inspired in life. "It's all about time. If one is really interested, you will always find time to read," said Mr. Sundara.

Ad-Extravaganza



Silpa Babu

The Department of Management Studies organized Ad Extravaganza, an inter-collegiate advertisement fest on September 7, 2016, inaugurated by Shri. Jobin Babu, National Head, Operations Wing, Brand Activation. Ad-Extravaganza is the first advertisement based inter-collegiate fest in South India. It thrives to provide students with the opportunity to mount their skills and become experts in advertising. A total of nine colleges took part in the fest, out of which CMR Institute of Management Studies became the overall winners.

Batons Change Hands as the Festival Begins



Steffi Thomas & Amal Devasia

The Literary and Cultural Association of Kristu Jayanti College organized 'Kalajyoti 2016', the Annual Literary and Cultural Festival on July 11, 2016. Student secretaries from various departments were invested with the badges of respective clubs and associations. "The numerous

creative forces that are developed during the phase of learning will help individuals to attain greater heights in their work place," remarked the Chief Guest for the ceremony, Mr. Balaji Iyer, Associate Director and Knowledge Management leader, Grand Thornton.

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A Salutation to Martyrdom

Silpa Babu

The National Cadet Corps [NCC] of Kristu Jayanti College celebrated Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 29, 2016, in commemoration of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. Fr Josekutty PD placed a wreath over the Amar Jawan Jyothi to pay tribute to those who willfully laid down their lives. The students observed a minute of silence in solidarity to the martyrs. The day is celebrated annually and is named after the success of Operation Vijay. In the year 1999, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to intruders. "Martyrs are the salt



NCC Cadets and CSA Volunteers at the event PHOTO: MARIA NITHIN

Martyrs are the salt of the nation. Any form of remembrance given to them is a strength for the country.
- Dr. R. Krishnan, former Major

of the nation. Any form of remembrance given to them is a strength for the country," commented Dr. R. Krishnan, Faculty, Department of Psychology, who also served as a Major in the Indian Army. He

urged the young generation to join the armed forces. Mr. Manjunath S, Staff Coordinator, Centre for Social Activities (CSA), explained how important such a programme is. "It is important to show solidarity and respect for the bravery of Jawans," he said.



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Towards an Eco-Friendly Infrastructure

On the various measures taken by Kristu Jayanti College towards a greener campus and on its significance

Climate change is real. The polar ice is melting, the sea level is rising and the salinity of ocean water is plummeting. Our natural fuel resources are depleting but our coal based energy consumption is higher than ever. It seems likely that humanity is veering towards a drastic climate change and a serious energy crisis simultaneously. Moreover, the cumulative effect would worsen the problem of global warming.

Every individual in a particular community produces a certain amount of Carbon Dioxide into the atmosphere. The same concept—termed as the Carbon Footprint (CF) of a person—can be applied to an organization as well. According to a website named Carbon Footprint, the average CF of an Indian citizen is estimated to be 1.2 metric tons per year. This would mean that every year, the country as a whole would emit an average of 1.5 billion metric tons of Carbon Dioxide gas. In parallel with this, for every student in an educational institution, an average of 0.8 metric tons per year is estimated. In an institution that educates thousands of students, the aggregate of CF would be in the thousands.

It is only when communities consciously choose alternative energy sources that matters can improve. With this motive in perspective, Kristu Jayanti College, as an institution, holds several infra-structural practices that help in energy conservation and carbon neutrality. The solar panel installed on the roof of the college building is a major step towards unconventional energy production. As solar panels use the energy received directly from the sun, it eliminates the harm caused by burning coal to create electricity. Moreover, the surplus electricity created by the college is supplied regularly to Bangalore Electricity Supply Company.

Water is an essential natural resource that is important to us in multiple ways. Following the norms provided by the government, the institution constructed a water harvesting system, with a capacity of 6,64,000 gallons of water. The facility is connected to both the buildings within the campus. Drains within and outside the campus are linked to it and the water collected is used for various domestic purposes. This effort would contribute towards improving the self-dependency of the college.

When taken separately, the practices discussed here may not seem as significant as it really is. But together, they create an effective task force that can gradually eliminate the crisis at hand. The ice really is melting; the globe really is warming, but as long as communities such as our educational institution strive towards positive solutions, there really is some hope for humanity.

Panel Discussion on Disaster Management: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach



Dr. Prakash Kiran engaging with the students during the interactive session

Jeyapaul Caleb

The Post Graduate and Research Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College, organized a Panel Discussion on 'Disaster Management: A Multi Disciplinary Approach' on September 3, 2016, with Dr. K Sekar, Registrar and Head, Department of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, as the moderator. Fr Josekutty PD, in his address encouraged the students by saying, "These discussions will definitely widen your sphere of activity and your vision." He also added that the college aims at

instilling a sense of social responsibility in all its students, and congratulated the Department of Social Work for their initiative. "I constructed not a house, but a home," said Dr. K Sekar, in his introductory speech, as he highlighted the concept of 'rebuilding' as a lifelong procedure. He spoke about the different processes involved in disaster management – rescue, relief, rehabilitation, and rebuilding. "Let us not be unaware that media has its own agendas," said Mr. Bansu Kalappa, as he spoke on the role of media in disaster management, especially with regards to human made disasters. Giving examples from the Mumbai terror attacks, he explained about how the media

goes to any length to get an exclusive coverage of an event. Fr George Kannanthanam said, "I feel that everybody in this country needs to respond whenever there is a disaster." Taking off from these statements, Fr George proceeded to give a list of practical tips for a common man to respond to a disaster. He ended his speech by challenging the institution to set up a 'Disaster Management Cell.' Dr. C N Prabhu approached the issue of disaster from a different angle. He spoke about the importance of preparedness and mitigation rather than rescue and relief. "If you spend one rupee on preparedness, you can save 800 to 1000 rupees on rescue and relief operations," he said. He

then proceeded to talk about the highly successful model followed by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre in monitoring disaster and giving out information. The final speaker for the day, Dr. Pretesh Kiran took off from where Fr. George intermitted—on starting a disaster management cell. "If you want to do something, do it from the heart," he said while talking about many who approach disaster management efforts with different agendas. Dr. Kiran used the experiences of the Disaster Management Cell at St. John's Hospital, to give practical tips on how to start and operate a disaster management cell. Dr. Jonas Richard, Head, Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, said, "The Department has planned this panel discussion not only to improve the skills and knowledge of social science students, but also to enhance the capacity of the developmental organizations that are closely associated with us in various platforms." Dr. Sekar concluded the discussion by highlighting that human disasters are equally, if not more dangerous than natural disasters. He further reasserted the need to have a disaster management cell in every institution for preparedness and mitigation.

'Never dismiss anyone's cry for help': Seminar on Suicide Prevention

Nisha Rabbecca Eapen

The Department of Psychology of Kristu Jayanti College conducted a seminar on Suicide Prevention on September 8, 2016 for the Post Graduate students of Psychology and the same of Social Work. The Guest Speaker for the day was Dr. Elizabeth Daniel, Professor and Consultant Clinical Psychologist, who at present holds the responsibility as the State Technical Expert at the Department of Health and Family Welfare in the State of Karnataka. The seminar

commenced with an interactive session where Dr. Daniel dispelled several myths that society holds regarding suicide and the nature of those who attempt it. She shared several incidents from her experience of dealing with suicide cases, both failures and successes. "Never dismiss anyone's cry for help", said Dr. Daniel as she reminded the audience to take every hint towards a suicide attempt very seriously. She discussed the staggering statistics regarding suicide rates where India tops the list and urged everyone to constantly be on the lookout for warning signs from peer groups. Dr.

Daniel also discussed the causes of Para suicide and the verbal and non verbal signs of a person with suicidal tendencies. In conclusion, Dr Daniel said "Make sure no one around you dies in desolation and despair." Prof. Senthil Kumaran, Faculty member, Department of Psychology, said, "Our student participants of the seminar would create the future task force that will be dealing with suicide prevention and so it is important to be acquainted with the ins and outs of suicide. Dr. Daniel, being an expert on the matter, was able to clear several common doubts." The seminar was brought to a end

with a theatrical activity where the participants demonstrated their interpretation of the theme of World Suicide Prevention Day which is 'Connect, Communicate, Care' through skits. Ajish Mathew, a second year student of M.Sc Psychology remarked that the session improved his understanding about suicide and enhanced his empathy. He said, "I was apprehensive before attending this seminar because suicide itself is a sensitive topic. But Dr. Daniel's interaction has restructured my perception about suicide."

Independence Day: Where Patriotism Meets Candor

Heidi Thomas

Kristu Jayanti College celebrated India's seventieth year of Independence on August 15, 2016 with a flag hoisting ceremony. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) headed by Senior Under Officer Divya Raju, assembled before the flag at the college campus. Speaking on behalf of NCC, Divya Raju, said, "It is important to honour the nation and respect

the country for what it has given us. Everyone here, especially those wearing uniforms, realize the importance of being human and value the solemn celebration of Independence Day." The Chief Guest for the ceremony, Fr Josekutty PD, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College was escorted by the cadets to solemnly unfurl the "Tiranga". Fr Josekutty PD proceeded to distribute the ranks to the cadets of the

parade. He said, "Independence Day will only be real when the people cherish patriotism toward their beloved Motherland in mind, body and soul." Members of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and Centre for Social Activities (CSA), collectively visited the Infant Jesus Children's Home in Kothanur, which mostly consists of children affected by HIV and the Home of Hope, located in the Dodda

Gubbi Village, which is a humanitarian initiative by New Ark Mission of India. After the ceremony, members of the NSS and CSA volunteered to serve at these not-for-profit establishments as a gesture of compassion to those who are in need of help. During the previous week, students donated monetary aid to provide supplies for the less fortunate youngsters in these homes.



Rev Fr Josekutty PD felicitating the National Cadet Corps during the ceremony

National Seminar on 'Different Dimensions of Women Thoughts in Kannada Literature'



The Department of Kannada, Kristu Jayanti College organized a one day National Seminar on 'Different Dimensions of Women Thoughts in Kannada Literature' on September 1, 2016. Prof. Malathi Pattana Shetty, President, Karnataka Literary Academy, Bangalore addressed the gathering during the seminar. She spoke about the role of women in poetry, especially about the works of poets like Basavanna that reflects the status of women in the literature of the 12th century. The platform provided a fruitful discussion and reinstated the dialogue against the social ostracizing of women, through the medium of regional literature.

Amit Vashishta at Vinimaya Series



The PG Department of Management Studies (MBA and PGDM) and the PG Department of Computer Science, Kristu Jayanti College organized the Vinimaya Series, an educating and edifying session on 24 August 2016 at the SKE Auditorium. The event witnessed the presence of Mr. Amit Vashishta, Director, Talent Acquisition, HPE. Mr. Vashishta remarked, "Growth doesn't take place vertically alone but also horizontally, our aims should be precise and our dreams should be realistic." The attendees were briefed about facing interviews and other career oriented challenges and were provided with tips to find solutions to various such problems.

Fourth National Conference organized by the Women Empowerment Cell



The Women Empowerment Cell organized its fourth National Conference on 23 September, 2016 at Kristu Jayanti College. Ms. Aruna C Newton, Associate Vice President and Head – Global Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability Reporting and Governance, Infosys inaugurated the event. The conference focused on the broad theme 'Women on the Move: Resonating Excellence'. The discussion divided itself into three technical sessions on the legal barriers of women, woman as a multitasker and psychological barriers of women respectively. The conference successfully sparked dialogue on the various problems in the society through a paper presentation session taken part by eminent scholars.

EXCELSIOR 2016



The UG Department of Commerce organized Excelsior 2016, an intra-collegiate Commerce fest at Kristu Jayanti College on August 25, 2016. Shri Ajay Tiwari, Senior Manager-HR, Alcatel-Lucent Manages Hiring for Nokia, inaugurated the event. 'Olympus, Race to

Ace' as its theme, the fest entailed eight commerce oriented events which would build creative business sensibilities among the students. Throughout the preliminary competitions, the programme witnessed the participation of over 1000 contestants.

SYNCHRONIZE

The Department of Computer Science (UG) organized Synchronize on August 30, 2016. The tenth edition of the Intra-Collegiate fest commenced with its preliminary competitions on August 24, 2016. The festival featured fifteen exciting events for students: IT

Manager, IT Quiz, Coding and Debugging, Web Design, Electronics Event, Movie Making, Gaming, Photoshop War, IT Quiz, Product Launch, Coding and Debugging, Electro Contest, Best Tech team, Web Design, Electronics Event, Stat Event and Movie Making.



BIO AURA '16

The intercollegiate fest Bioaura was organized by the UG Department of Life Sciences on 15 September, 2016 at Kristu Jayanti College. With the theme of 'Come Unveil Triumph', the fest was organized as a platform for students from various colleges to showcase their skills and talents in the areas where they excel. Numerous events were organized such as Lecture Contest, Reflex,

Imprint, etc. The Chief Guest, Mr. Sai Suryanarayana of Sami Group formally inaugurated the festival. Mr. Suryanarayana emphasized on the need to keep our focus on the outcomes. He also said that 'Success is sweet and the secret is sweat' when he was explaining the 3Ds – Dedication, Deviation and Discipline. He asserted that these three components can help in pursuing success.

ACUMEN 2016

Acumen 2016, the intra collegiate Management fest organized and executed by the final year BBA students was held on August 23, 2016 at Kristu Jayanti College. The motive of the fest was to help the students to display their skills in the areas of management and to showcase

their talents. The Chief Guest Mr. Tanvir Singh briefed on the need for team work and extra curricular activities in corporate culture. "As learners we must keep going and sports is the best way to maintain your systematic ability to learn, as you learn team work in sports," he said.



CONNOISSEUR AND BIO VENTURA

The Department of Life Sciences organized two intra-collegiate Bio-fests namely 'Connoisseur' and 'Bio Ventura' on August 19, 2016. With the motive of identifying the exceptional talents among the youth, Connoisseur was participated

UG students of the department, whereas Bio Ventura was primarily meant for Post Graduate students. A total of 16 events witnessed participation. The Chief Guest was Mrs. Ramalakshmi Arza of Austin Medical Solutions.



HUMANTRA 2016



The UG Department of Humanities hosted the intra-collegiate fest, Humantra 2016 with the theme 'Renaissance-Revival of Talents' on September 23, 2016. Fr Lijo P Thomas, Head, Department of Computer Science, Financial Administrator inaugurated

the event. The fest aimed to provide a platform for students and guide them into leading a path towards their future. The 14 events organized this year included Media Jamboree, Envisionize, Third Eye, JAM, Modern Politician, Inquisitive and so on.

IMPULSE 2016

With the theme Inspire-Ignite-Integrate, Impulse 2016 is an intra collegiate fest organized by the Department of Commerce-Post Graduate Studies on September 1, 2016, at Kristu Jayanti College. "The theme of the event was made so as to inspire oneself, ignite enthusiasm and to

integrate into a successful team," said Dr. V. Babu, Faculty Coordinator. The key events for Impulse 2016 includes Best Manager, Human Resource Management, Finance, Marketing, Business Quiz, Business Plan, CrazyAD, Mock Stock and so on.



COGNIZANCE 2016

Cognizance 2016, the fifth annual intra-collegiate fest of the Department of Psychology was held on August 24, 2016 at Kristu Jayanti College. This year's theme being 'Psychology 2050', the fest aimed to promote thinking beyond to advance prolonged treatment in the field by collaborating with other disciplines. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, is an Associate Professor at the

National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience (NIMHANS). The founder of the Shut Clinic, Dr. Sharma addressed the impact of technology on youth along with the pressure faced by many. He further elaborated on the effect of technology and how its use as a coping mechanism concerns mental health professionals. Cognizance consisted of an array of events that explored the theme of the festival.

When Kites Fly: Pratibimba Parva '16

Steffi Thomas & Akshay Balan

The Department of Tourism organized Pratibimba Parva, an Intra-Collegiate kite flying competition at the campus grounds of Kristu Jayanti College on September 27, 2016. The event was inaugurated by MM Yaseen, Joint Manager, Traffic Management, Airport Authority of India, Bangalore. The event witnessed the flying of 41 kites, with 32 student teams and nine teams from the faculty members. With the theme 'Tourism for All', the festival tried to promote the relevance of tourism in our

times. This being the second edition of the competition after the first in 2014, the fest saw a significant rise in the number of participants and also in the enthusiasm of the students. Prof Ratish PT Nair, Faculty Coordinator, believes this to be an opportunity for the members of the campus community to reminisce their childhood memories. He further said, "This event also tries to share a message, that is, to uphold world peace and harmony." The participants competed based on the how soon they were able to lift off the kite, how high it reached and how long they were able to keep the kite in the air. Another interesting feature of

the event occurred to be the kite battles between teams aimed at subduing each other. Rithin Nair, a member of the organizing committee expressed his beliefs regarding the significance of kite-flying. He said, "If you look at India's tourism industry, we can notice that we are very festive in nature and diverse in our culture and celebrations. Kite-flying is one such event, which symbolizes a free India, with a liberal string holding it to the ground." The one hour spectacle saw numerous kites reach to the heights of up to 500 meters in the sky.



YAAN 2016

The Department of Commerce (UG) organized Yaan,

'Tourism for All', the annual Food Festival on September 26, 2016.

Fifty food stalls were set up in the Main Auditorium. Students of Tourism from the departments of Humanities (HTJ) and Commerce (B.Com Tourism) actively took part in presenting more than 300 dishes of various regions across India. The cultural and culinary fest was inaugurated by Fr Augustine George, Vice Principal, who remarked, "I am delighted to see a variety of food items prepared by students from different part of India and the involvement of tourism students from different departments. The entire programme had a wonderful ambience"

Jerry Johnson, a volunteer at the event said, "We have been working for the past two months for the success of this program. It has been a very exciting experience to work for the department."

Delphia 2016: Lit-Exhibition



The Department of English organized the annual intra collegiate fest 'Delphia 2016' hosted by the Erudite Club on August 20, 2016 in Kristu Jayanti college. Inaugurated by Fr Augustine George, Vice Principal, one of the major highlights of Delphia 2016 was the 'Live Exhibition'. A montage of scenes were exhibited based on various works of literature comprising of enactments from 'Julius Caesar', 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me at All', 'Raven', 'Wide Sargasso Sea', 'Heart of Darkness,' 'Hayavadana' and 'Chemmeen', exploring different ages and cultures.

Lumos: Photography Exhibition



Lumos, the annual photography exhibition of Kristu Jayanti College was organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on September 23, 2016. The exhibit, which was open to all students of the college for participating and showcasing their photography skills, was inaugurated by Fr Lijo P Thomas, Financial Administrator of the institution. The exhibition witnessed active participation and was also successful in its showcasing.

Saving the world by choice: Van Mahotsava

Akshay Balan

Celebrating Van Mahotsav-2016, the students of Kristu Jayanti College planted saplings near Naganahalli Lake and the surrounding areas of Kothanur on July 9, 2016. The drive was organized as a part of the Jayantian Extension Services conducted by the Centre for Social Activities (CSA) of the institution. Over 200 students participated in the tree sapling planting campaign.

Mr. Manjunath.S, Faculty, Department of Management Studies at the establishment, is the coordinator of CSA. He believes that through campaigns such as this, the students get the opportunity to have a positive impact on the world. He said, "Due to the deteriorating conditions of the natural environment, we are sure to face a lot of problems in the future. Through this initiative, we are contributing our best to neutralize the harms we have caused". This

event is a part of a series of service oriented schemes under the Jayantian Extension Services. Having started the academic year by observing the World Environment day on June 5, 2016, CSA has lined up several ways to give back to the society. These include blood donation campaigns, services to the underprivileged and marginalised etc. Divya Raju, Senior Under Officer, National Cadet Corps, stated that the corps believes in unity and discipline and that by participating in this movement, the members wish to inculcate these principles in the way we treat our

environment. "We have the power of nature with us," she expressed. The residents of the locality witnessed the students actively planting over a 100 tree saplings along the sides of the streets and by the lake. These saplings were of multiple species—May Tree, Silver Oak and Honge Tree to name a few. By recreating the natural order of diversity, the volunteers believe that the survival of the saplings can be assured. Van Mahotsav was originally introduced in the year 1950 by K. M. Munshi, envisioned as a progressive step towards saving the earth.

Brexit: An Operation of Business Cycle

Merin Mary Wilson

"Brexit: Boon or Bane", a panel discussion organized by the Kristu Jayanti School of Management Studies or the students of MBA and PGDM on August 4, 2016 was held in the SKE Auditorium. Shri. Raj Rajkumar, Director and site leader TE Connectivity Global Share Services, Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest for the day. The moderator for the discussion was Shri.V.K Varadharajan, former chief reporter, The Hindu. The panel of speakers also included Prof. NS Viswanath, Principle and Director, MP Birla Institute of Management and Shri. Sujit John, Business Editor of The Times of India. The discussion threw light on Britain's dramatic exit from the

European Union, after a 43 year old membership that was initiated on January 1, 1973. Ever since Britain stepped down from the European Union (EU) on June 23, 2016, it has been a major point of discussion throughout the world, especially in India and other developing countries.. The Brexit panel discussion laid its major focus

on the immediate as well as the long lasting repercussions of Brexit in India. Economists are now engaged in weighing the scales of its advantages and disadvantages. Mr. Varadharajan explained Brexit as the economic fallout of Britain from the European Union. He also stressed on the benefits India could derive out of Brexit if the

country places well planned economic strategies. The discussion began with Mr. Raj Rajkumar, the Chief Panelist. He discussed on varied topics like the 'masala bonds', which are the rupee-denominated borrowings by Indian entities in overseas markets. He also added that Britain would take all measures to prove and present that Brexit is a decision which would initially benefit the economy of India. "Brexit is an operation of business cycle," said Viswanath during the session. He focussed on a new hope for a wider market in India. The panel discussion concluded Brexit to be a boon as far as India is concerned. The immediate impact may seem like a down road but the panel accentuated that within a few years it would turn out to be a great asset for Indian economy.

