

PARITRAN - THE GREEN LETTER FROM CONXERV

ConXerv is the functional committee of Xavier School of Sustainability. The committee was formed by the first batch of XSoS with the idea of strengthening student driven initiatives revolving around sustainability. In the past five years, the committee has grown its presence in Xavier University, Bhubaneswar.

With an aim to empower the student community in XUB and help them to stay updated about the latest developments in the field of sustainability, we present to you the January edition of our newsletter, 'Paritran'.

With this edition, we bring to you glimpses of the SDP programme and the SDP gallery hosted by the school every year where students get hands on exposure of working with various organisations that have ventured into the field of sustainability through different sectors across the country.

In the 'Faculty Speaks' section we present to you the views of our faculty Prof. Tamoghna Acharya.

In the 'ConXerv Connect' section, we have Mr. Seshav Arora, batch of 2016-18 sharing his views and experience with us.



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Highlights:-

1. Latest news on climate change and sustainability from around the globe
2. ConXerv Speaks by Assistant Manager at ESAF Bank
3. Glimpses of SDP Gallery' 19



Austria swears in coalition government with strengthened climate plan (7 Jan, 2019)

Austria's first Conservative-Green coalition government was sworn, bumping climate action to the top of the administration's priorities with a goal of net zero emissions by 2040. Read more at: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2020/01/07/austria-swears-coalition-government-strengthened-climate-plan/>

India demolishes Kerala skyscrapers over environmental violations (11 Jan, 2020)

Authorities in southern India have demolished two luxury lakeside apartment complexes that were built in violation of environmental rules. Read more at: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.bbc.com/news/amp/world-asia-india-51076897>

Trump's Move Against Landmark Environmental Law Caps a Relentless Agenda (9 Jan, 2020)

President Trump capped a three-year drive to roll back clean air and water protections by proposing stark changes to the nation's oldest and most established environmental law that could exempt major infrastructure projects from environmental review. Read more at: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nytimes.com/2020/01/09/climate/trump-nepa-environment.amp.html>

British High Commission launches 'Green is Great' campaign in run-up to COP26 (13 Jan, 2019)

The British High Commission has launched 'Green is GREAT' campaign, an initiative to highlight the strength of the UK-India

partnership on climate and sustainability in the run-up to COP26 which will be held in Glasgow later this year.

Read more at: https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.economictimes.com/small-biz/productline/power-generation/british-high-commission-launches-green-is-great-campaign-in-run-up-to-cop26/amp_articles/73224552.cms

Climate change: Last decade confirmed as warmest on record (15 Jan, 2019)

The 10 years to the end of 2019 have been confirmed as the warmest decade on record by three global agencies Read more at: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-51111176>

UK green economy has shrunk since 2014 (16 Jan, 2019)

Britain's green economy has shrunk since 2014, heightening concerns that the government will miss targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of the decade.

Read more at: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/16/uk-green-economy-has-shrunk-since-2014>

Ocean temperatures hit record high as rate of heating accelerates (13 Jan, 2019)

The heat in the world's oceans reached a new record level in 2019, showing "irrefutable and accelerating" heating of the planet.

Read more at: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/13/ocean-temperatures-hit-record-high-as-rate-of-heating-accelerates>

ERA to launch campaign on sustainability (17 Jan, 2019)

The European Rental Association (ERA) is to

launch a promotional and lobbying campaign to highlight equipment rental as a sustainable option in the construction process.

Read more at:

<https://www.khl.com/international-rental-news/era-to-launch-campaign-on-sustainability/142012.article>

India needs \$2.64-trn investment to meet UN's Sustainable Development Goals (21 Jan, 2019)

India needs a whopping \$2.64 trillion investment to meet the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs), offering the private sector an investment opportunity of over \$1.12 trillion by 2030, according to a report.

Read more at:

https://wap.business-standard.com/article-amp/pti-stories/india-needs-usd-2-64-tln-investment-to-meet-sdgs-by-2030-report-120012101236_1.html

Coal India adheres to environmental, sustainable standards: CMD (25 Jan, 2019)

Coal India Ltd. said its coal producing subsidiaries follow environmental and sustainable standards but there could be "some stray cases" of lapses.

Read more at:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/coal-india-adheres-to-environmental-sustainable-standards-cmd/articleshow/73613136.cms?from=mdr>

Starbucks sets new sustainability goals for the decade (21 Jan, 2019)

Starbucks announced that it's going to slash greenhouse gases it emits and waste it sends to landfills in half over the next decade.

Read more at: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.theverge.com/platform/>

[amp/2020/1/21/21075852/starbucks-sustainability-goals-waste-water-greenhouse-gases-decade](https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.theverge.com/platform/amp/2020/1/21/21075852/starbucks-sustainability-goals-waste-water-greenhouse-gases-decade)

Agriculture, recycling and water: PepsiCo's key sustainability APAC strategies revealed (27 Jan, 2019)

Global food and beverage giant PepsiCo has revealed its key sustainability priorities and strategies for the APAC region, ranging all the way through the food chain from agricultural strategies to packaging recycling efforts.

Read more at:

<https://www.foodnavigator-asia.com/Article/2020/01/27/Agriculture-recycling-and-water-PepsiCo-s-key-sustainability-APAC-strategies-revealed#>

Hundreds of Amazon employees put jobs at risk by criticizing the firm's climate change policy (27 Jan, 2019)

Hundreds of Amazon workers are speaking out against their employer's record on climate change, risking being fired to defy a company-wide ban against such public criticism.

Read more at:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.theverge.com/platform/amp/2020/1/27/21083330/amazon-employees-criticize-climate-change-oil-gas-work-risk>

ASEAN's RCEP and sustainability challenges and achievements (24 Jan, 2019)

Last year ASEAN made important economic gains in trade and sustainable development. The biggest trade accomplishment was the conclusion of negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in November by 15 nations.

Read more at:

<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/01/24/aseans-rcep-and-sustainability-challenges-and-achievements/>

'Green economy' pioneer

Pavan Sukhdev wins 2020 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement (27 Jan, 2019)

Renowned environmental economist and UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Goodwill Ambassador Pavan Sukhdev was awarded on Monday the 2020 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, recognizing his groundbreaking 'green economy' work.

Read more at:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/01/1056082>

Indonesian environment ministry ends WWF partnership amid public spat (29 Jan, 2019)

The Indonesian office of international conservation NGO WWF has expressed shock at the termination of its forest conservation partnership with the country's environment ministry, three years before it was due to expire.

Read more at:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/news.mongabay.com/2020/01/indonesia-environment-ministry-klhk-wwf-partnership-forest-conservation/amp/>

ConXerv Connect



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Poverty does not belong in civilized human society.

"Its proper place is in a museum. That's where it will be." -Muhammad Yunus

In India, the major chunk of population resides in rural areas. These people despite having high skill sets in various sections like pottery, weaving, dyeing, art and culture are unable to exhibit and market it properly. The middleman have created a huge gap for them to capture this market and the unavailability of funds have also contributed to their setback. One of the solutions to this predicament for these people in India is Microfinancing. Microfinance serves as a means to empower the people by providing them access to factors of production particularly credit. Microfinance on a larger scale helps in reducing poverty by creating entrepreneur having microenterprises around the globe. These microenterprises through microfinance gets an opportunity to be a part of countries economic and development process.

Faculty Speaks



Dr. Tamoghna Acharyya

According to you, how ConXerv as a functional committee has evolved in these five years and has contributed to the growth of Xavier School of Sustainability?

ConXerv, run by the student committee of Xavier School of Sustainability (XSOS), was started in 2015 to serve as a platform for creating awareness about sustainability both within

and outside the campus. Since its inception, ConXerv has been a very dynamic committee in the University campus conducting various the annual business conclave hosted by ConXerv which has attracted prominent business leaders who come and share their views on the relevance of sustainability to businesses domains at our University. It has helped both the student and faculty body to keep them abreast about the latest initiatives of industries in the field.

Besides the event has helped in building strong industry connect across the country. Through business buzz the committee also conducts various competitions such as case writing, sustainable business plan during the University fest Xamboree. From June 2019 ConXerv has been publishing monthly newsletter 'Paritrans' to connect with stakeholders outside the campus. This committee is run by some of the most dedicated students of XSOS; it goes without saying that ConXerv has done a fantastic job so far for the school.

SDP Gallery



Xavier School of Sustainability, Xavier University Bhubaneswar conducted its Annual Sustainability Discovery Programme's Gallery on 15th January 2020. Theme for this year's gallery was Desh Videsh. The gallery had students displaying their learnings from their month long stay with the community and the live projects they underwent in the Sustainability Discovery Programme.

SDP aimed at appreciating and analyzing the initiatives undertaken for creating a sustainable world, enabling the students to explore and experience the various sustainability programs and activities implemented by corporates, governments and NGOs throughout the country. It was a wonderful learning opportunity that opened up the students to cutting edge projects that involve multidisciplinary approaches and strategies



The motive is to develop an understanding of the community living, appreciate the beauty of the lives of these people and comprehend how these people make sense of their lives and livelihoods.



The event also saw participation from the students of San Diego State University, California who also displayed and put out their experience of living in India for 14 days. The students were here at XUB for an exchange programme and concluded their stay and learnings at the SDP Gallery.