

## CENTRE FOR EDUCATION BEYOND CURRICULUM [CEDBEC]

The *Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum* [CEDBEC] is one of the unique academic undertakings of Christ College, Bangalore. The centre has been conceived as an attempt to stimulate and discover through experience, the perspectives in education so that individuals and institutions reflect, rediscover themselves and move towards progress in educational complexities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Education is the lifeline of any society. Hence it is necessary that the very philosophy and process of education be constantly reflected upon, discussed, updated, integrated and passed on to the people who steer the educational mechanisms in the society. The *Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum* is an attempt by Christ College to facilitate such a paradigm shift in education.

### Objectives and Means

The major objective of CEDBEC is to enhance the quality of educational system through the inculcation of creativity in educational methods and to contribute towards creativity, development and a positive paradigm shift in education.

The above objective is sought to be realized through awareness programmes, seminars, workshops, conferences, camps, training programs and such other activities to focus on various issues for schools and colleges, teachers, students and parents. CEDBEC also collaborates with educational professionals, experts and NGOs in the field of education.

Some of the specific programs offered by the CEDBEC are: Action research for Schools, Conflict Management, Creativity in Education, Educational Counselling and Guidance, Educational Leadership Program, Effective Teaching Strategy, Environmental Education, Evolving Institutional Vision and Mission, Faculty Development Program, Human Resource Management in Education, Institutional Culture, Institutional Strategic Planning, Management Information System in Education, Personality Development Program, Teacher Motivation Program, Total Quality Management [TQM] in Education and Value Education.



## Target Group

The Programs offered by CEDBEC are tailor-made for the personnel in the field of education. CEDBEC targets the educational intelligentsia, educational management personnel, school and college teachers, librarians, academic and administrative staff of educational institutions, student counsellors, parents and students. Anyone interested in the philosophy and practice of education will find the programs useful and stimulating.

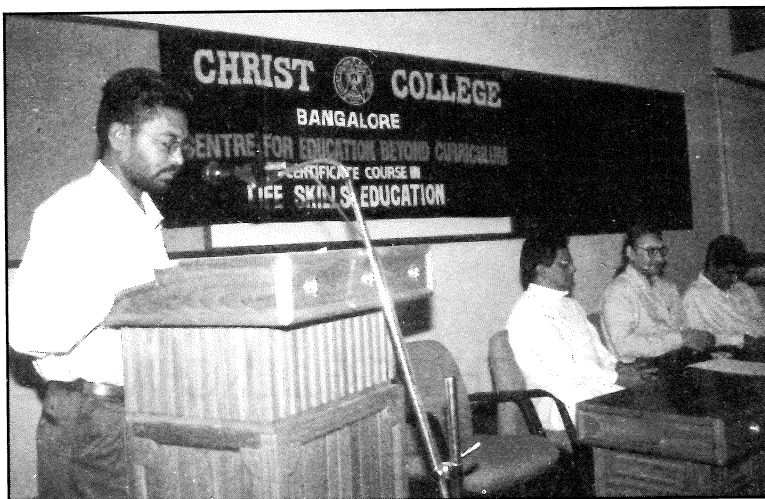
## Realized Projects

Some of the Projects already realized, and realized successfully, are briefed below:

1. Performance Appraisal System in Educational Institutions [PAS]: This two-day training program discussed the developmental mindset towards appraisal, current trends in appraising in educational institutes and others,

criteria for measuring academia, and performance feedback and counselling.

2. Creativity in Education: A one day workshop on application of creative concepts to teaching-learning practices, management of institution, students, teachers and administrative procedures.
3. Competitive Advantage Through Management Information Systems in Colleges: A one-day workshop which sought to clarify the concept of MIS, critically examining it from the viewpoint of the beneficiaries, and to implement MIS in educational institutions of the participants.
4. Office Information Systems for Librarians: This workshop, specifically meant for the librarians and the faculty from Library Science Departments dealt with information systems in libraries, library automation system, future developments in library management and the use of information technology in libraries.
5. Effective Teaching Strategy: This three-day workshop sought to empower college lecturers with communication skills and education technology, and focused on pedagogy and service quality dimensions in higher education, models of teaching, evaluation techniques in higher education and feedback systems.
6. Managerial Skills for Administrators and Senior Lecturers: This program dealt with TQM techniques for Head of the Departments as Managers, Teaching methodologies, professional ethics, leadership and conflict management skills, and improving role efficacy.
7. Understanding and Solving Classroom Problems of Adolescents: was meant for junior college lecturers in order to better equip them with the skills for dealing with adolescents.
8. Certificate Course in Educational Guidance and Counselling: This is a six-months Certificate Course seeking to train personnel in the theory and practice of educational guidance and counselling.
9. Certificate Course in Life Skills Education: A six-month Certificate course meant to train teachers, parents and other child care functionaries in imparting life skills to their wards.



## Future Plans

In the coming years, CEDBEC seeks to diversify its activities and to make its service available to a wider number of institutions and personnel. One of the projects currently in progress is a nation-wide study on Best Educational Practices in India, the results of which will go a long way in planning up programs so that the rationale and practices of such practices will reach many institutions. CEDBEC, through its research and documentation and training programmes based on them, thus seeks to create a positive paradigm shift in the theory and practice of education.