



Centre for
Climate Change
and Sustainability

3CS NEWSLETTER

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I wish you all a Happy New Year, albeit belatedly. I hope that 2022 will restore some balance to our pandemic-disrupted lives.

I am Prof. Gautam Menon, the Director of 3CS, and I'm happy to present to you the first 3CS newsletter. Starting with this one, you will receive a newsletter from us at the end of every month, talking about the Centre's work and sharing resources and articles. We will also share opportunities for students to work with us and our collaborating organisations on problems of climate change and sustainability.

We hope to make this newsletter something that you look forward to each month. Do reply to this email with any questions, feedback, or suggestions you might have.

The [Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability \(3CS\)](#) at Ashoka University was established in 2019. It brings together members of the Ashoka community across disciplines with a shared interest in studying, communicating, and mitigating the effects of climate change on our society, health, and environment.

With 28 members from across 9 departments — English, Biology, History, Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology, Environmental Science, Physics, Computer Science, and Economics — the Centre is the most cross-disciplinary centre at Ashoka University.

While 2020-2021 was a slow initial period due to the pandemic, we did have some notable [achievements](#) including our inaugural flagship 'Healing Earth' Conference in February 2021, the launch of our first funded project, and a session on 'Building a Climate Resilient Future' at COP26 chaired by Iain Stewart, the Joint Director of 3CS.

2022 will be the year 3CS takes off. It will be a year of many experiments for the Centre.

3CS-Funded Projects

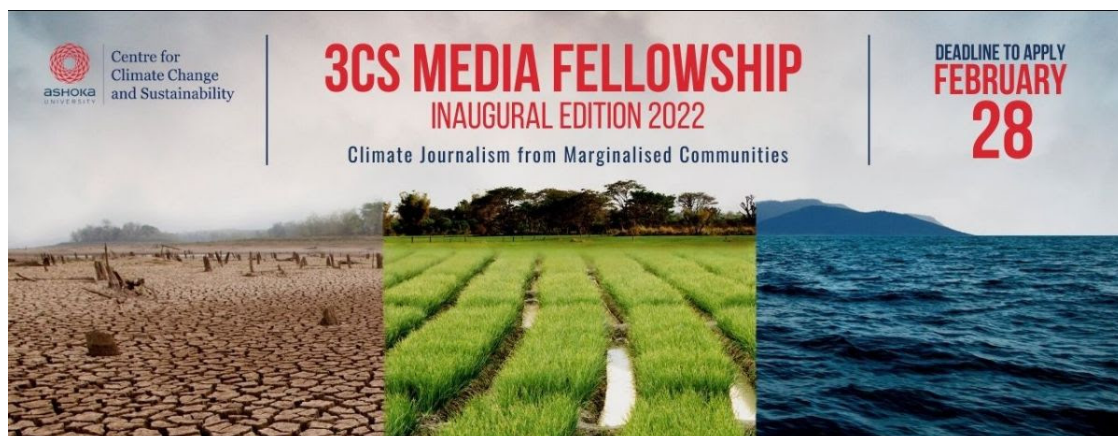
The Centre will begin funding its **first set of 11 research projects** by faculty members of 3CS across all seven focus areas of the Centre.

Healing Earth Conference 2.0



We will host Healing Earth 2.0 on the **18th and 19th of February**. With prominent international and Indian speakers, Day One of the conference will focus on the ‘**Economics of Climate Change**’ and Day Two will focus on the ‘**Plant Humanities**’. I look forward to seeing you all participate in the conference.

3CS Media Fellowship



The [Fellowship](#) is an effort to bring in the public domain humane reportage on the climate change frontline in India. How does climate change impact life, wellbeing, and livelihood in specific ways? The Fellowship aims to understand this by directly supporting journalists from marginalised communities to write about climate change and its impacts. The **deadline to apply is February 28th**, and we will start working with the first set of Fellows by April 2022. Do spread the word to those who might be interested in applying.

3CS Communications

A key focus area for the Centre will be projects communicating the urgency of issues surrounding climate change and sustainability through the imaginative use of social media, blogs, art, music, podcasts, and targeted advocacy campaigns. 3CS welcomes student initiatives aligned with the Centre's vision. We are eager to see what students come up with as they make the Centre their own.

Please write to us at 3cs@ashoka.edu.in if you have any ideas/initiatives that you would like to discuss with us.

3CS Seminar Series

We plan to launch the series with a curation of speakers from India and around the world across various disciplines to expand the discussion around climate change and sustainability. We will share more information with you all as we start planning the sessions.

I look forward to the rest of the year as we build partnerships with the departments and Centres of Ashoka University, and with external partners, to expand the reach of 3CS's work.

Gautam Menon
Director, 3CS
