

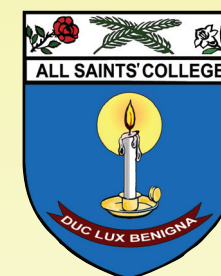
PROGRAMME (8-02-2014)

- 10 A.M** : **Technical Session 4**
Micro Finance in US
Dr. Harichand Nair
Faculty, School of Business
University of Phoenix, USA
- 11 A.M** : **Technical Session 5**
Micro Insurance
Smt. Usha Vijayan (OSA)
Manager, United India -
Insurance Co. Ltd.
Kochi, Ernakulam
- 12.00 – 1.00 P.M** : **Lunch Break**
- 1.00 P.M – 2 P.M** : **Paper Presentations**
- 2.15 P.M** : **Valedictory Function**
- Welcome** : **Ms Pushpakumari B S**
(HOD & Convenor)
- Validatory address & certificate distribution** : **Ms. Susan Edel Lopez**
Principal
- Vote of Thanks** : **Ms. Reshmi.R.Prasad**
Associate Professor &
Joint Convenor

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON MICRO FINANCE - OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

7th & 8th FEBRUARY 2014

Organised by
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE

Thiruvananthapuram - 695 007, Kerala

*In connection with the
Golden Jubilee Celebrations*

Venue : Audio Visual Hall

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

We have great pleasure to inform you that the Department of Commerce, All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala is going to host a two day International seminar on "MICRO FINANCE-OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES" on the 7th & 8th February 2014. We whole heartedly invite academicians, industrialists, faculty members, research scholars, under graduate, and post graduate students of commerce, management and economics to participate in the seminar.

Ms. Pushpakumari B.S
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■ ABOUT THE COLLEGE & THE DEPARTMENT

All Saints' College was founded in July 1964 by Rev. Mother Mary Loius, CCR with the approbation of the Rt. Rev. Dr. V.V. Dereere, OCD Bishop of Trivandrum. Today All Saints' College is a premium education institution in Kerala, accredited with many top ranks in various fields of academic explorations, dedicated to the creation of a dynamic young generation with high profile accomplishments, proven leadership to weather social challenges' moral fortitude and conscientious commitment to make a difference in the world. First accredited by NAAC in July 2001, it was re-accredited to grade B in 2008. Our college is one of the three colleges in Kerala under the star college scheme- a scheme initiated by the Ministry of Science And Technology, Government of India. Our college celebrates its Golden Jubilee marking 50 years of academic excellence and dedicated service to the academic community. The Commerce department at the pre degree level started in 1977. B.Com degree course was introduced in 1980. The department was upgraded as post graduate department in the year 1995.

■ ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Microfinance is a very powerful tool that can be used to address poverty, empower the socially marginalized poor and strengthen the social fabric. The use of microfinance to enhance income – generating opportunities of the poor is a popular tool for the government as well as non government organizations working to raise the standard of living in developing countries. The microfinance customers are to be given both economic and social support for development. It is widely recognized that reaching the poor with microfinance has social and commercial dimensions. To balance the social objective with the financial objective of microfinance is an important challenge. The opportunities and challenges which Microfinance offers to the Indian economy offers wide scope for deliberations. Being a way to promote economic development, employment and growth through the support of micro entrepreneurs and small business, debates and discussions are inevitable to explore into the opportunities which microfinance offers and its challenges. The aim of the seminar is to have serious deliberations on the microfinance delivery system and the accessibility issues in microfinance.

■ CALL FOR PAPERS

Research papers are invited on the topic and related areas for presentation in the seminar. An abstract of the paper in about 150 words is to be send in advance through email : asdcmicfin2782014@gmail.com on or before 5th of February 2014.

■ REGISTRATION FEE : Rs. 100.00

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PROGRAMME (7-02-2014)

8.45 A.M	: Registration
9.30 A.M	: Inaugural Session
Welcome	: Ms. Pushpakumari B.S HOD & Convenor
Presidential Address	: Ms. Susan Edel Lopez Principal
Inauguration & Keynote Address	: Prof. Dr. S. Kevin Director, Bishop Jerome Institute, Kollam (Former PVC, University of Kerala)
Vote of Thanks	: Ms. Reshmi R. Prasad Associate Professor & Joint Convenor
10.45 A.M	: Technical Session 1 Micro Finance & Agriculture NABARD, Thiruvananthapuram
11.45 A.M	: Technical Session 2 Retail Credit Sri. P. Chandran, Chief Manager (CCPC) Central Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram
1.00 – 2. 00 P.M	: Lunch break
2.00 P.M	: Technical Session 3 Accessibility issues in Micro Finance Dr. M. Edwin Gnanadhas Associate Professor of Commerce, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, K.K District , TamilNadu
3.00 – 4.00 P.M Chair	: Paper Presentations Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil Professor , Dept. of Commerce University of Kerala