

Dr. Anbarasu S.J., and Dr. Rasu Kumar handled the input sessions. Scholars from various institutions in Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Kerala participated in the programme. Congratulations Dr. S. J. Idhayaraja, Course Director of the programme!

**Mathematics Training and Talent Search (MTTS) programme** sponsored by National Board for Higher Mathematics (NBHM), Dept. of Atomic Energy, Government of India, was conducted by the Dept. of Mathematics in collaboration with Central University of Tamil Nadu from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. It is a residential programme and is usually conducted by IITs. Prof. Sanjay, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, delivered the Inaugural Address. Eminent resource persons from various institutions spoke on independent thinking, creativity, concentration, confidence building, seminar presentation skills and problem solving techniques. 15 students of our college and 62 students from institutions in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu participated. Congratulations Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Course Director of the programme!

#### INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

**Academic Audit:** Quality is an ongoing process and not a one-time episode. The NAAC views that Academic Audit through IQAC interaction with Departments/Research Centres will facilitate quality sustenance and enhancement process. In order to conduct Academic Audit, a Core Committee, comprising the Principal, IQAC Coordinator and Dean, was constituted. The academic audit was held as per the schedule given below:

Department	Date	Time
Botany	16.08.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Commerce	17.08.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Zoology	26.08.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Physics	12.09.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Chemistry	13.09.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Tamil	16.09.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
MCA	17.09.2013	03.35 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.
BBA	17.09.2013	04.45 p.m. to 05.30 p.m.
Mathematics	01.10.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
English	03.10.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
VisCom	03.10.2013	03.35 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.
Corporate Secretaryship	03.10.2013	04.45 p.m. to 05.30 p.m.
Economics	07.10.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.
Computer Science	08.10.2013	12.35 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.



The academic audit served three important purposes: (i) to facilitate SWOC analysis at the Departmental level, (ii) to help the Departments document quality enhancement activities regularly, and (iii) to implement quality related measures in the forthcoming years, especially before the fourth cycle of accreditation in 2017–2018.

#### **Orientation Programme for Teachers :**

With an aim to expose the Teaching Faculty of our institution to new frontiers of knowledge, current trends in educational psychology, and counselling, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized an Orientation Programme on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014. Dr. S. Senthilnathan, Deputy Director, UGC-SAP, Bharathidasan University, explained the significance of "Teaching in the Digital Age." Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, S.J., Professor & Counsellor, LIBA, spoke on "Teacher as Counsellor." 170 teachers attended the Orientation Programme.

#### **Submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) :**

The NAAC has introduced a new online questionnaire for the annual report to be submitted by the IQAC every year. The new format is a survey of the quality sustenance efforts undertaken by the institution. The survey also intends a quality mapping which would streamline IQAC activities. The IQAC of St. Xavier's College submitted AQAR online in June 2013.

#### **Student Feedback on Teachers:**

IQAC conducted the process of Student Feedback on Teachers on 28.10.2013 in order to assess the performance in odd semester. The results were given to Rev. Fr. Secretary and all the teaching staff in November 2013. Rev. Fr. Secretary met the young teachers individually and made suggestions for improvement in teaching and research. Student Feedback for even semester was held on 18.03.2014. Online evaluation on the performance of teachers appointed after June 2012, as instructed by the Coordinator for Jesuit Higher Education Commission, was also carried out in January 2014.

#### **IQAC Newsletter :**

IQAC Newsletter will be published in the first week of April 2014 to augment participation index through dissemination of information among the various stakeholders of the institution.

#### **XAVIER INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (XIBA)**

Xavier Institute of Business Administration (XIBA) aims to develop a band of dynamic individuals, armed with strong conceptual foundation and intuitive insights, to cope with the challenges of global business world. XIBA wants its students to become able, capable, and employable with ethical values.

Classes for the second year students started after eight weeks of Summer Internship Training at various companies in Tamil Nadu on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013. For the first year students, before they started their proper MBA papers they went through a rigorous training in communicative competence for three months.