

# SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA- 682013, INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

VALUE ADDED COURSE ON

## FOUNDATION COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Course Code : 14 ECOVACO1

Batch 2014 - 15

Duration - 40 hrs

Time : 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM (From 2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014)

Venue : III B A Economics Class

Programme Schedule :

Date	Activity (Theory/Practical)
02-08-2014	Historical Background and Frame work
09-08-2014	Meaning and Definition of Human Rights
16-08-2014	Human Rights in India
23-08-2014	Challenges to Human Rights

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## **SACRED HEART COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**

THEVARA, KOCHI -13

(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

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**Dear Students of all Departments,**

**Greetings!**

I am happy to inform you all that our Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College, Thevara (Autonomous) offers a value added course on "Foundation Course on Human Rights". Class schedules will be on Saturdays only. The interested students are required to register their name on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2014.

**Head of the Department**

## **Course Title: Foundation Course in Human Rights**

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No. of Credits – 4

No. of Contact hours – 40

Course Rationale:

This foundation course is intended to impart basic knowledge about the concept of human rights, its evolution and importance in our society. This course aim at developing respect for human rights norms and values and make learners sensitive to the issues of weaker and vulnerable sections of the society. The development of human rights doctrine has changed the ways in which nation states act towards each other at the international and regional levels. The learner gets an opportunity to understand about various rights, including political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights. The foundation course is meant for undergraduate students of all disciplines. The duration of the foundation course of four credits is three months.

### **Course Syllabus**

#### **Modules:**

##### **1. Historical Background and Frame work**

Human Rights Prior to 1945  
UN Charter and Human Rights  
International Court of Justice and Human Rights (10 hours)

##### **2. Meaning and Definition of Human Rights**

Nature, Importance and Characteristics of Human Rights  
Bases and Sources of Human Rights  
Kinds of Human Rights (10 hours)

##### **3. Human Rights in India**

Constitutional Provisions (Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy)  
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC);  
Human Rights movements (Amnesty International and Peoples Union For Civil Liberties) (10hours)

#### 4. Challenges to Human Rights

State and Human Rights

Human Rights and Terrorism

Human Rights and Marginalised Groups (Dalits, Women and Children) (10 hours)

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