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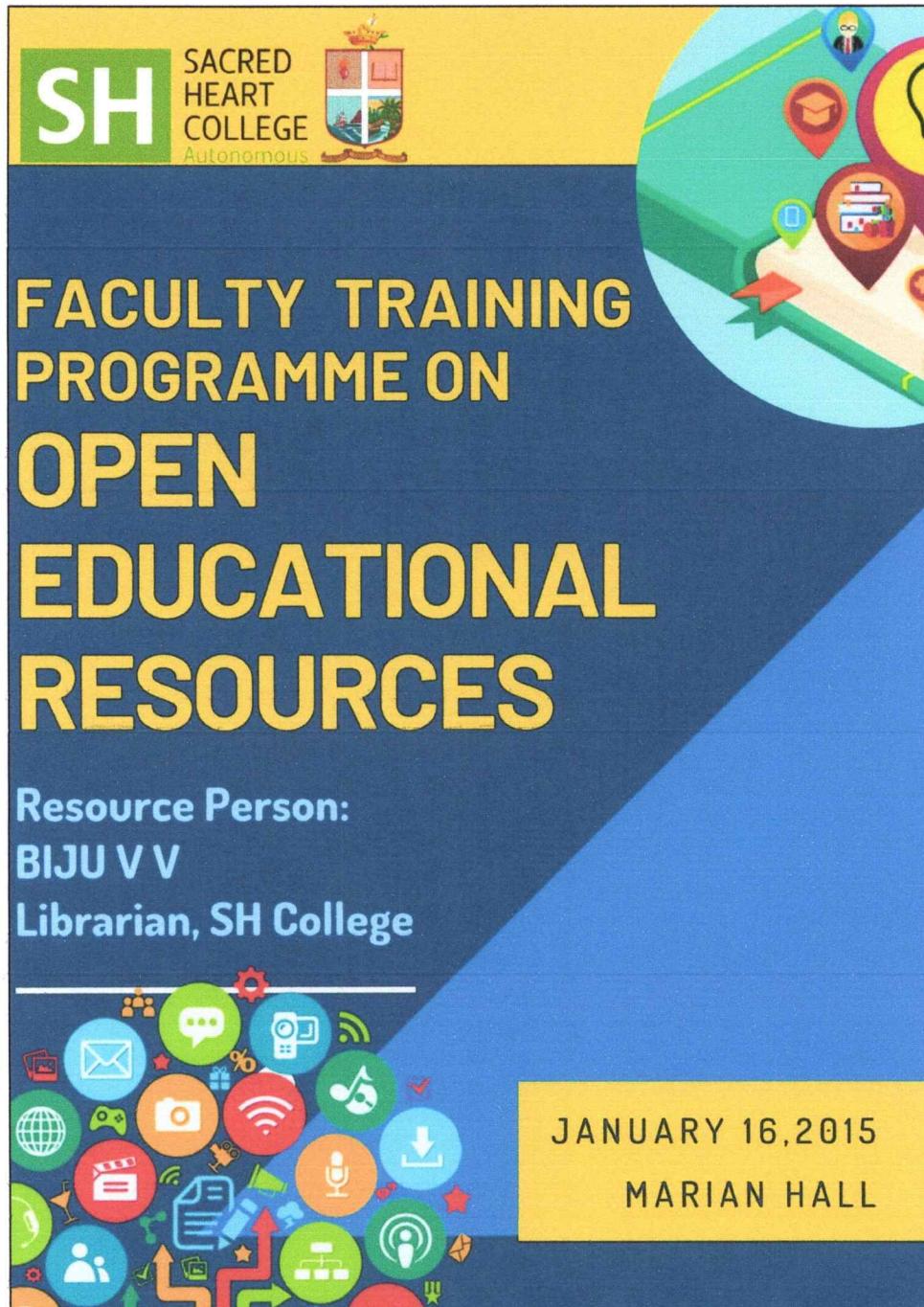
Faculty Training Programme on Open Educational Resources

Date: 16th January 2015   **Time: 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm**

REPORT

Open Educational Resources (OER) is becoming an important factor in achieving quality education to a larger community. The use of OERs holds great promise of improving the access to and the overall quality of education for the developed as well as the developing countries. The tutors are creating and using digital content for teaching and learning. The access to quality content is possible only for those who attend higher education institutions or those who can afford to purchase the instructional material. The OER movement aims to make this content available for free use for enhancing educational opportunities for hitherto unreached sections of the society thus leading to equalizing of access. OERs can play a vital role in the existing scenario of distance learning by improving quality, access, reach and also providing competitive edge and recognition globally. In view of this IQAC of Sacred heart College, Thevara organized a workshop on **Open Educational Resources** on 16th January, 2015 at Marian Hall of the college. The workshop aims at discussing various opportunities and challenges offered by the use of OERs in the education system.

Inaugural Session

The program started with a silent prayer. Dr. K.M Johnson, IQAC coordinator of Sacred Heart College, Thevara welcomed the participants and the resource person. He introduced the resource person and spoke about the importance of this workshop for the academic community. Rev. Fr. Prashant Palackappillil CMI, Principal, Sacred Heart College, inaugurated the program and delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural address, Fr. Prashant pointed that the basic idea underlying the concept of OER is the freedom to share the knowledge. The resource person for the program was Mr. Biju V. V., Librarian, Sacred Heart College, Thevara.

Technical Session

In the technical session Mr. Biju gave brief outline about open educational resources and how it could help in improving the quality of education. He then discussed about the opportunities and challenges in the use of OERs. He pointed that OERs could only be effective if there is no technical barriers such as lack of broadband access and adequate resources to invest for computers and software etc.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by IQAC Joint Coordinator. He extended his expression of gratitude to all who contributed for the realization of the workshop.

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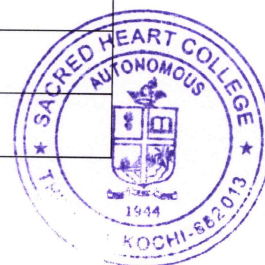**Mr. Biju V. V. during the training session on Open Educational Resources (16 January, 2015)**

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List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Ms. Shobha Liza John
2.	Mr. Syamlal M S
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4.	Ms. Anu Cherian
5.	Mr. Siby Abraham
6.	Ms. Agile Joy
7.	Mr. Vinil K V
8.	Mr. Aravind R Nair
9.	Mr. Sunil K V
10.	Fr. Sabu Thomas
11.	Mr. Sibi K I
12.	Mr. James V George
13.	Fr. Tomy P.P.
14.	Ms. Priya P S
15.	Ms. Rincy Kudilingal
16.	Ms. Sangeetha K R
17.	Dr. Anna Mercy
18.	Ms. Asha Babu R
19.	Dr. Giby Kuriakose
20.	Fr. Dr. Jose John
21.	Mr. Senju Devassykutty
22.	Ms. June Cyriac
23.	Dr. Ramakrishnan S
24.	Dr. Abi T G
25.	Ms. Achamma Cherian

Sl. No.	Name
26.	Ms. Lakshmipriya R
27.	Mr. Jeet Kurian Mattam
28.	Mr. Didimos K V
29.	Dr. Nijo Varghese
30.	Dr. Jimmy Sebastian
31.	Dr. Sumod S G
32.	Dr. Mathew M J
33.	Mr. Jobin C Tharian
34.	Mr. Sanil Jose
35.	Ms. Baby Simi
36.	Ms. Priya Renjini S
37.	Dr. Tom C Thomas
38.	Mr. Rajesh James
39.	Dr. Joseph George
40.	Ms. Tessa Mary Jose
41.	Dr. Joseph T Moolayil
42.	Dr. Thommachen Xavier
43.	Ms. Regitha M R
44.	Ms. Tressa Shybe
45.	Ms. Shana Susan Ninnan