

### Report of the Inauguration of Action Lab



Inauguration of the Action Lab of the Department of Social Work was held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Christ University. Action Lab of the Department of Social Work is initiated as part of the Academic Intellectual Entrepreneurship (AIE) efforts and Strategic plans of Christ University.

The specific objectives of the Action Lab are;

1. To develop skills and competencies among social work students in preparing them towards action oriented practices in social work.
2. To expose students of social work and other streams like Sociology, Psychology, Education Political Science, Media etc. on various social realities in society and help them imbibe social responsibility.
3. To serve as an action unit for working in communities, forming student volunteers and developing programmes to cater to the needs of the community in collaboration with Centre for Social Action (CSA).
4. To design and develop extension activities in connection with other departments, especially Students of Applied Sociology in LR Nagar.



Dr Bino Thomas on the occasion, introduced the concept and welcomed every one. Dr. Mallika Krishnaswami, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, stressed the need to integrate social work department with the rest of the University and to reach out to the lesser



privileged. Dr. Victor Paul insisted on collaborative efforts with other departments and he said that the goals made by the students in the beginning of this academic year had turned out to the idea of initiating the action lab in



the Department and appreciated the efforts of the teachers. The inauguration session followed by the first skill building programme for the students in Research proposal writing specifically to problematization and setting up of objectives was conducted by Dr. Sojan Antony, Head of Clinical Social Work, Narayana Multi specialty Hospital, Bangalore.