

## **Major research project**

The Major Research Project on Development Induced Displacement is a recent addition to several other academic and application researches undertaken in the Department of Social Work, Christ University. This is the first International project undertaken by the Department and is funded by The International Federation of Catholic Universities, Paris, France. Dr. Hemalatha K. Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work is the Principal Investigator for the study, with Fr. Arun Antony Chully being the Project Director. This study is based on the large scale Forced Displacement that has taken place for the execution of the Upper Krishna Project, mainly the Almatti Dam in Bagalkot, Karnataka. True to nature of Social Work, this research project focuses on Intervention Models designed for the government in order to reduce the susceptibility of the displaced masses to Impoverishment Risks. The students of the present second year MSW have greatly benefitted through this project as they were actively involved as student field investigators during the preliminary study as part of their Rural Camp in March 2013