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Venue: Carreno Hall, SHC**

About the Seminar:

As a consequence of COVID-19 pandemic, major cities globally were under lockdown that had led to an almost total stoppage of economic activities for a few months, which in turn has led to economic recession in all countries. The unusual outcome of the crisis is that it has hit the service sector harder than manufacturing. All the contact-dependent services that are labour intensive have been facing hard times, which include hospitality, tourism, recreation activities, and related businesses. In this context, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi has announced the special economic and comprehensive package of 20 lakh crores- equivalent to 10% of India's GDP to fight COVID 19 pandemic in India in the name of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan/ Self-reliant India which is the vision of India. Atmanirbhar Bharat provides a road map for all the sectors to become globally competitive. The five pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat are Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand. Banking and financial services sector companies are most likely to witness the negative impact on their businesses due to COVID-19 pandemic. Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of Indian economy. MSMEs are in the worst conditions due to the COVID-19 lockdown as many stranded migrant workers have been moving towards their home all across the country. As far as agricultural sector is concerned, during COVID and after COVID it has drastically suffered and recorded 11 years low of 3.1% in Q4 in the financial year 2020. With this background, Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College has decided to organize seminar on COVID-19 and Self-Reliant India: Opportunities and the Way Forward.

About the College:

Sacred Heart College is an affiliated First Grade College of Thiruvalluvar University. It is a minority institution, established and administered by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB). The first care of the management is to give Higher Education to the Catholic youth in a Christian atmosphere of peace, justice and social responsibility with a preferential option for the poor among them. The College is also open to students of all castes and creeds other than Catholics. Their religious beliefs are respected in this institution. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Carreno SDB, a farsighted

missionary from Spain founded Sacred Heart College in the year 1951. It started functioning with 10 staff members and 81 students and in a short period of six decades, it has grown into a postgraduate and research institution. With the view to cater to the needs of the deserving local students, the college also offers undergraduate courses and postgraduate courses in the Evening College on self-financing basis. We get pride in saying that, in 2017, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has ranked our college as 95th College in India. Over these years the College included additional degree courses and diploma courses to provide quality education to more young people. We continue to march together with our staff and students towards excellence.

About the Department:

The Department of Economics is the earliest department in the college that started with an Under Graduate course in 1956. Similarly, the Post Graduate course was started in 1986. The department was upgraded as a research department in 1992. It also now offers M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes for both men and women. The alumni of the department have occupied very important positions all over the country and abroad. The department concentrates on research and outreach activities apart from the regular teaching programmes. The faculty of the department undertakes various major and minor research projects sponsored by government departments and other funding agencies like UGC, ICSSR, ICSSR IMPRESS, NABARD, and MAET.

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. The seminar will discuss the various prospects and challenges of Atmanirbhar Bharat during the current period of distress due to COVID-19.
2. To encourage discussion and deliberation on its prospective impact on the Indian economy.
3. To deliberate upon the structural changes required for becoming self-reliant.
4. To develop some action plans and remedial measures to resolve the impact of COVID 19 on Indian Economy.

Themes of the Seminar:

1. Impact on COVID-19 on various sectors.
2. Impact on MSMEs.
3. Agricultural Value Chain and Marketing Reforms.
4. Migrant Workers and Labour Market.
5. Reforms in Manufacturing and Service Sectors.
6. Reforms in Civil Aviation.
7. Skill Development, Vocational Education and Entrepreneurship.

Target Participants:

The seminar is open for academicians, faculty members, researchers, research scholars, students, experts' concern sectors, and policy makers from Tamil Nadu and around India.

Submission of Abstract/ Full Paper:

The research Department of Economics invites conceptual papers, empirical work and documentation of case studies focusing on the seminar themes from the academia, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders. 500 words abstract along with details on institutional affiliation, postal address, e-mail id and contact number of the author(s) are to be sent to email: seminarcoshc@gmail.com. Abstract will be selected on the basis of a blind peer-review process. Full paper is limited to 6000 words typed in MS word using Times New Roman with font size 12, 1.5-line space and referencing should follow APA style. Accepted papers will be published in the form of proceedings followed by few selected papers that will be published in UGC CARE listed Journals/edited book by international recognized publisher.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of abstract	5th March, 2022
Submission of full paper	15th March, 2022
Seminar date	21st and 22nd March, 2022