

## 9 Month Certificate Programme in CSR of IICA at SMCNC

- Landmark Legislation- Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, that provides an enabling framework for companies, through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programmes, to play a more proactive role in nation building.
- For this we need a large number of trained CSR professionals.
- The National Foundation of Corporate Social Responsibility (NFCSR) of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, (IICA), of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India advertised on their web an , “ Expression of Interest” (EOI) Chennai in January 2014 for partners for the 9 month certificate course in CSR (ICP-CSR)
- Stella Maris submitted an EOI on January 11, 2014; the proposal being prepared by SMCNC.
- In March SMC was informed that they were selected in the first round and to make a presentation of the college to a panel in IICA, Gurgaon on March 23 2014
- In April, SMC was informed that they were selected as a partner in Chennai and to sign an MOU at Delhi and attend the roll-out process on 11 April 2014
- In May the marketing for the CSR course started and on June 12 the marketing strategy had to be presented to IICA Delhi.
- On August 5, registration was closed for ICP-CSR and the candidates took their entrance exam on August 24
- The course is to start on 13 October and will have: 14 weeks of online classes, 4 weeks of contact classes, 12 weeks of internship in an NGO and 3 weeks of research in a corporate organization, and 2 visits to IICA Gurgaon ( at the beginning and end of the course)