



## ***Thoudam David Endowment Lecture Report (2016-17)***



The **Department of Economics** under the leadership of **Prof. Bhagwan Das, Head of the department**, conducted the annual Thoudam David Endowment lecture on **17th February, 2017**. The topic for the lecture was **"GAME THEORY – CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX WORLD"** and was organised by the Loyola economic association for development (LEAD), Department of Economics under the guidance of the LEAD president, Dr. Uma Maheshwari.

The chief guest and main speaker for the lecture was **Dr. Manfredi La Manna, Reader in economics, School of Economics and Finance, St. Andrews University, Scotland**. The event commenced at 12:00 PM in the Lawrence Sundaram Hall. The proceedings began with a delightful prayer song by the Loyola Choir. The event was then followed by Prof. Bhagwan Das addressing the gathering and providing a brief description of the speakers as well as the topic to be discussed.



Dr. Manfredi was then presented with a memento of appreciation by the LEAD president, Dr. Uma Maheshwari and then proceeded to address the gathering. Dr. Manfredi gave the students a comprehensive insight into the topic of game theory. Game theory is essentially the science of strategy. He went on to describe how intricate game theory truly is and how a better understanding and application of this theory can provide unconventional solutions to multifaceted problems. He proceeded to play videos pertaining to space launches at the Kennedy Space center and several other media to enlighten the students. This was followed by a riveting question and answer session between the students and Dr. Manfredi.

The lecture ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Bhagwan Das and followed by the National anthem. The chief guest and speakers then proceeded to have lunch in the department room with the rest of the faculty.

