



**M. O. P. VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)**

*(Affiliated to University of Madras and Re-accredited at "A++" grade by NAAC)*

**Chennai - 600 034, India.**



# B.A. SOCIOLOGY



## GENESIS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Undergraduate Program in Sociology, established in 1996, follows a multidisciplinary approach in its curriculum that attracts Civil service aspirants and students with varied interests from diverse backgrounds.



Eligibility - 10+2 pass / equivalent of any board with 80% marks



This is a 3-year programme comprising of 6 semesters, each focusing on various subjects related to sociology.



# **COURSE CURRICULUM**

The course is widely divided into 6 semesters, with each semester dealing with diverse sociological subjects along with language and English paper in the first 4 semesters. Each semester is structured in a way that starts from basic concepts to core aspects of a particular course to ensure a holistic approach to learning.

- Principles of Sociology-I
- Sociology of Indian Society
- Basics of Social Psychology
- Sociological Theory
- Social Pathology
- Social Demography
- Social Movements in India
- Sociology of Development
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Urban Sociology
- Project/Industrial Sociology
- Principles of Sociology-II
- Rural Sociology
- Social Anthropology
- Research Methods
- Social Legislations in India
- Political Sociology
- Globalization and Society
- Women's Development- Issues and Concerns
- Environment and Society
- Human Resource Management
- Food and Society
- NGO Management
- Courses like Rural Sociology, Social Demography, Political Sociology are focuses on Skill Enhancement.
- Courses like Social Legislation in India, Human Resource Management focuses on Employability.
- Courses such as Social Entrepreneurship focuses on Entrepreneurship skills.



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- **Aachi Manorama Endowment**

An endowment award instituted for the best student research paper presentation in a every academic year. All the three years of the programme compete in the competition based on a particular theme, among that the outstanding paper with unique approach and perspectives will be awarded.



- **Community Outreach Program**

To foster the spirit of community engagement, students will be given various opportunities to participate in different outreach programmes organised by NGOs in Chennai. Through these, the students get a hands-on experience on the working of NGOs, grassroots level engagement and community development.



- **Project**

In the final semester students are given an opportunity to do a sociological project addressing social issues in the society. Through this process, students get to know about the practical utilisation of various data interpretation techniques, formulation of a research paper and a proper solution to resolve a particular social problem that they are focusing on.

- **Internship**

After the 4th semester, students go for a month long internship. This paves the way for the students to learn the practical application of the subjects that they have learned in the duration of the course.



- **Overall championship**

The Department of Sociology have won accolades in the various intercollegiate competition. Notably in quiz, street play, mime, meme, debate, poster/collage making and folk dance. The Department is known for its academic discourse and also exposure to various creative activities.

# PEOPLE'S CLUB AND JOURNAL

Every programme in the college has a student headed club under the guidance of their Heads of Department. The Sociology Department has People's Club which focuses on equipping students with leadership roles, effective communication and team building skills. The club conducts various competitions, guest lectures, conferences and panel discussions on unique contemporary themes related to Sociology in the 21st century.

## Core Team 2024-25



## Guest lectures



## Exhibition



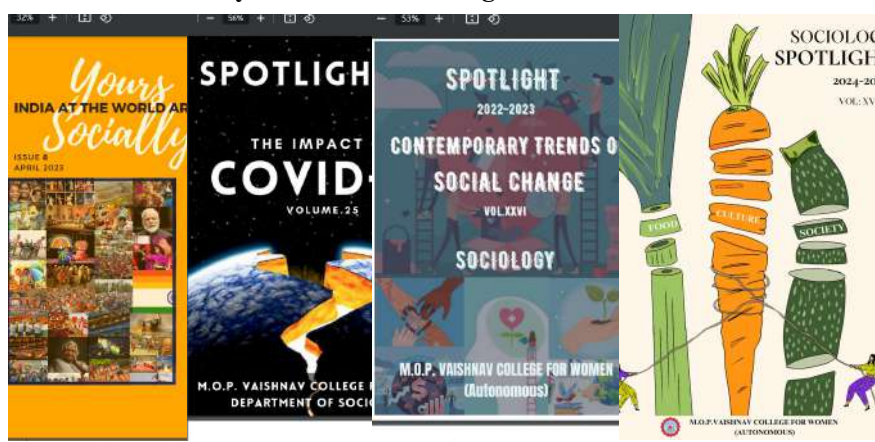
## Intra -Murals



## Journal

Every year, the Department brings out a journal called “Spotlight”- featuring academic articles, contributed by the students.

“Yours Socially” is an another initiative brought in by the students to express their thoughts through creative writing on non academic themes. It comes out every semester in an e-magazine format.





# STUDENT MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

The institution has a student cabinet named as M.O.P. SANSAD. This cabinet has 8 ministries working for different portfolios within the institution. These ministries would be co-led by one or more Departments and would be headed by students from respective Departments. The Sociology Department co-leads the Ministry of Environment with the Department of Mathematics. In the academic year of 2025-26, the ministry came up with new initiatives like No Private Vehicle Day, campaigning for SDG apps, Koodugal - Avian Artistry Workshop and a street play on the promotion of cloth bags on the theme - “Meendum Manjappai”.



# STUDENT WORKS

## PROMINENT INTERNSHIPS

- Geeta Krishnan: Supreme Court of India
- Vinthi Jain : Goldman Sachs (Bangalore)
- Ezhisaivani D : Chennai Metro Rail Limited
- Harshini G : State Human Rights Commission (Tamil Nadu)
- Kavya J : Tribal Welfare Department ( Chennai )
- Keerthana M : Greater Chennai Corporation
- M.S. Mithra: Silver N Springs (Inclusive Education )
- C. Shanmungapriya: High Court of Chennai
- Sindhu S : Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Erode)
- S. Srimathi: Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment (Cuddalore)
- Haritha Yokeshkumar: Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (Kotagiri)

## STUDENT PROJECTS

- Navigating Life Choices: Influence of Astrology in The Decision Making of Adults in Chennai City
- Exploring The Wedding Trends Across Various Generations Among the Residents of Central Chennai Through Sociological Lens
- Unveiling The Socio-Economic Tapestry: A Sociological Exploration of the Organizational Dynamics Among the Kota Tribes of Nilgiris
- Agricultural Tribulations—An In-Depth Exploration On the Challenges of Farmers in Tirunelveli
- Socioeconomic Realities of Slum Dwellers with Special Reference to Sathya Nagar (Saidapet) In Chennai
- Beyond The Surface: An In-Depth Sociological Study On Adolescence in Perumbakkam Resettlement Colony
- Sociological Analysis On Gender Disparities in Mental Health Issues Among Young Adults in Chennai
- Dignity Without a Door: A Sociological Study On Homeless Women in Chennai City

## HIGHER STUDIES AND CAREER OPTIONS

Higher Education	Career options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.A. Sociology</li> <li>• M.A. Anthropology</li> <li>• M.A. Communication</li> <li>• M.S.W</li> <li>• M.A Psychology</li> <li>• M.A Criminology</li> <li>• M.B.A</li> <li>• M.A. (HRM)</li> <li>• L.L.B</li> <li>• M.A Public Policy</li> <li>• M.A Labour Studies</li> <li>• M.A Urban Planning</li> <li>• M.A Journalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Services</li> <li>• Other State Government Examinations</li> <li>• Social Research</li> <li>• Social Entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Community Development Officers</li> <li>• Academicians</li> <li>• Co-Ordinator's Executives in C.S.R Counselors</li> <li>• Policy Planners</li> <li>• Analyst H.R Executives</li> <li>• Media and Journalism</li> </ul>

### INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES



University of Sussex -  
University in Brighton and Hove  
England , UK



Monash University  
Melbourne, Australia



University of Amsterdam  
Netherlands



University of Sydney  
Sydney, Australia



PennState University  
Pennsylvania

### INDIAN UNIVERSITIES



Azim Premji University  
Bengaluru ,Karnataka



O.P. Jindal Global University  
Sonipat, Haryana



Tata Institute of Social Sciences  
Mumbai, Maharashtra



South Asian University  
New Delhi



Ashoka University  
Sonipat, Haryana



University of Hyderabad  
Hyderabad, Telangana



# PROMINENT ALUMNI

## MEENAKSHI BASKER (BATCH : 2008-2011)

Academic Consultant, Ball State University, United States



## AISHWARYA RAMAN (BATCH : 2008-2011)

Associate Director & Head of Research, Ola Mobility Institute (OMI)



## SANGA MITHRA (BATCH : 2012-2015)

Associate Professor - Sociology, Vinayaka mission's Law School



## VARSHA BALAGANESH (BATCH : 2018-2021)

Executive - PMO at Populus Empowerment Network



The curriculum offered by the Department of Sociology has provided me with a strong foundation to pursue the Civil Services Exams. I am deeply grateful to my professors for their invaluable support, both in academics and in personal development. The guest lectures, club activities, and field trips have enriched my understanding of the field, offering immense practical insights.

- Vilasini (BATCH : 2016-2019) Faculty / R&D coordinator at Officers IAS Academy



Sociology at MOP isn't only about higher education, it is a place for holistic development. This course not only teaches society, but it helps one in positioning and discovering oneself in society. The coursework is updated regularly and the activities of the department such as the People's club events, Manorama Paper presentation and Spotlight- the Student Journal and Internship hones leadership skills and ensures holistic development of students. One will only see a refined version of oneself after 3 years of Sociology at M.O.P.

- Shankari (BATCH : 2015-2018) Assistant Professor - Sociology, The Central Law College, Salem.



My time at M.O.P. B.A. Sociology, was truly transformative. Beyond the academic curriculum, I found a nurturing environment that fostered personal growth, confidence in me and encouraged us to explore our passions. The faculty were always supportive, approachable, and eager to guide us. I have particularly fond memories of Sudha ma'am. Her dedication went beyond simply teaching the subject. The emphasis given on extracurricular activities through various initiatives, provided a platform to engage in meaningful and fun activities. These experiences were invaluable and complemented our academic learning.

- Swetha M (BATCH : 2016-2019) Inspector of GST & Central Excise



## FACULTY PROFILE



**Dr. Sudha Krishnakumar**

**M.A, Ph. D (UGC-JRF)**

**Assistant Professor and Head of Department**

**Subjects of Expertise :** Sociology of Indian Society , Rural Sociology and Human Resource Management

**Ms. Rajalakshmy P S**

**M.A Sociology, B.Ed. (Social Science), UGC-SET, Ph.D (Pursuing)**

**Position :** Assistant Professor

**Subjects of Expertise :** Principles of Sociology , Sociological Theory , Research Methods, Globalization and Society



**Dr. Manju Priya K**

**M.A, M.Phil., Ph.D (UGC-JRF)**

**Position :** Assistant Professor

**Subjects of Expertise :** Economic Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Sociological Theories, Social Entrepreneurship, Caste, Gender Social Movements, Popular culture and Diaspora

**Ms. Shanmuga Priya M**

**M.A, UGC-NET, GATE (2024)**

**Position :** Assistant Professor

**Subjects of Expertise:** Sociological Theory, Indian society, Urban Sociology, and Sociology of media.



**Ms. Divyapriya B**

**M.A. Sociology, UGC-NET(2023)**

**Position :** Assistant Professor

**Subjects of Expertise :** Principles of Sociology, Urban Sociology, Social Pathology, Social Demography, Social Legislations, and Sociology of Development.