



B.A SOCIOLOGY



THE FUNCTION OF SOCIOLOGY IS TO REVEAL WHAT IS HIDDEN -
PIERRE BOURDIEU

GENESIS OF THE PROGRAMME



About the Department 01

The Undergraduate Programme in Sociology, established in 1996, offers a multidisciplinary curriculum that integrates insights from fields such as political science, psychology, anthropology, and economics. The programme introduces students to key sociological theories, research methods, and the study of social institutions, inequalities, and social change. It attracts a diverse group of students, including civil service aspirants and those interested in careers in research, public policy, and the social sector.

Eligibility 02

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

The Programme 03

The B.A. Sociology programme is a three-year course with six semesters that introduces students to core sociological concepts and specialized subjects. The curriculum also emphasizes skill development, employability, and entrepreneurship, complemented by field visits, internships, and project work for practical learning.

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

PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY-II

RURAL SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

SOCIAL PATHOLOGY

SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY PRATICAL (SPSS)

SOCIAL LEGISLATIONS IN INDIA

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

URBAN SOCIOLOGY

PROJECT/INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

GLOBALISATION AND SOCIETY

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT- ISSUES AND CONCERNS

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

NME: NON MAJOR ELECTIVE
Food and Society

IDE: INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVE:
NGO MANAGEMENT

- Courses like Rural Sociology, Social Demography and 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.

ACADEMIC & CO-CURRICULAR INITIATIVES



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM PARIVARTHAN

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.

AACHI MANORAMA STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATION

An endowment award is instituted for the best student research paper presentation in every academic year. Over the three years of the programme, participants compete on a particular theme; the outstanding paper with a unique approach and perspective will be awarded. This year, 2025-2026, the topic was “Gender and Sustainability”.



PROJECT

In the final semester students are given an opportunity to do a sociological project addressing social issues in 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.

FACILITIES & ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES FOSTERING REAL-WORLD SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

DEDICATED RESEARCH SUPPORT WITH TRAINING IN SPSS

FIELD VISITS TO NGOS AND DIVERSE INSTITUTIONS FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

GUEST LECTURES FROM LEADING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

ACCESS TO DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND EXTENSIVE ACADEMIC RESOURCES

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS BY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PEOPLE'S CLUB, ASPIRANT'S CLUB AND MINISTRY

INTERACTIVE LEARNING THROUGH PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VARIOUS SKILL CLASSES AND CERTIFICATE COURSES

FIELD TRIPS



STUDENTS OF SOCIOLOGY
VISITED THE FARM GURU AS PART
OF THEIR RURAL SOCIOLOGY
COURSE



STUDENTS OF SOCIOLOGY
VISITED THE COLLEGE OF FOOD
AND DAIRY TECHNOLOGY AS PART
OF THE SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP CERTIFICATE
COURSE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



PEOPLE'S CLUB & JOURNAL

CORE TEAM 2025-26

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.

JOURNAL



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

"Yours Socially" is 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.

EVENT GALLERY

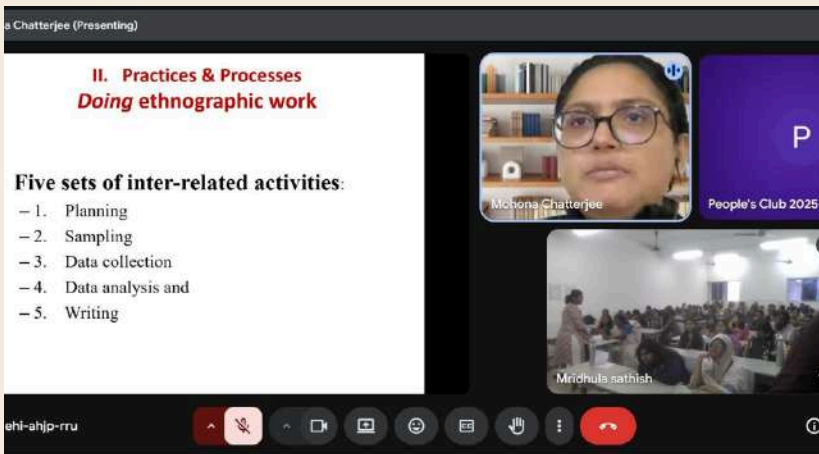
PROMINENT GUEST LECTURES



MR. KARTHIK GUNASEKAR STARTS THE LECTURE ON “RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPMENT, DISTRESS AND DIRECTION”



MS.S. THENMOZHI STARTS THE SESSION ON “WOMEN AND LAW - RIGHTS AND REALITIES IN INDIA”



DR. MOHONA CHATTERJEE EXPLAINING ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.



MS.GREESHMA KUTHAR STARTS THE LECTURE ON “ORAL HISTORY : PRESERVING STORIES THROUGH NARRATIVES”



MS.YAZHISAI S STARTS THE ALUMNI TALK ON “EMPATHY , ANALYTICS AND IMPACT : SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HR”



DR.N.JENCY STARTS THE LECTURE ON “UNDERSTANDING GENDER POLITICS: POWER, IDENTITY, AND RESISTANCE”

EVENT

GALLERY

PROMINENT GUEST LECTURES



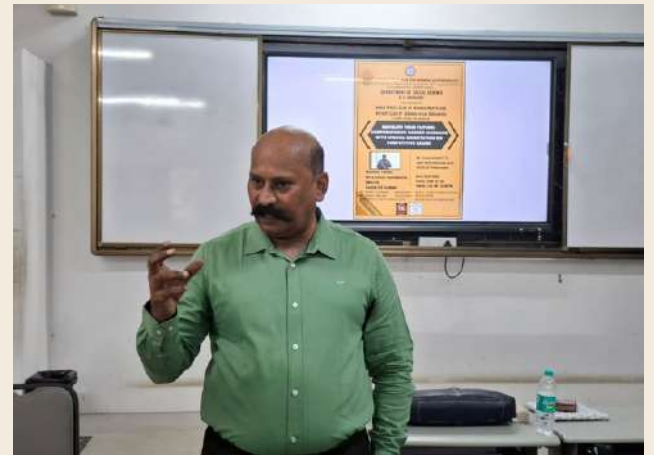
MS.FORHONA CHOUDHURY STARTS THE SESSION ON "TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY: TRANSFORMATIONS, INEQUALITIES, AND GENDER PERSPECTIVES"



MS.KAVERI V STARTS THE SESSION ON "ACCESS TO SERVICES: MENTAL HEALTH IN CATASTROPHES AND EMERGENCIES"



VIBRANT MOMENTS OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN ON-STAGE AND OFF-STAGE EVENTS DURING THE INTRAMURALS.



MR. GANESA SUBRAMANIAN STARTS THE CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION ON "NAVIGATE YOUR FUTURE: COMPREHENSIVE CAREER GUIDANCE WITH SPECIAL ORIENTATION ON COMPETITIVE EXAMS."



THE JUDGE QUESTIONING THE PARTICIPANT REGARDING THEIR RESEARCH FOR AACHI MANORAMA STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATION



COLLAGE OF ARTWORKS BY STUDENTS IN THE WORKSHOP SESSION ON "MIND AND CANVAS: ART THERAPY WORKSHOP" BY MS. SHEEBA WILLIAMS AND MR. MUKESH KUMAR

ASTITVA

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Department of Sociology at M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women organized the International Symposium on Gender and Sustainability, “ASTITVA.” The event began with a keynote by Dr. Kalpana Karunakaran, Associate Professor at Indian Institute of Technology Madras.



DR KALPANA KARUNAKARAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT IIT MADRAS, DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

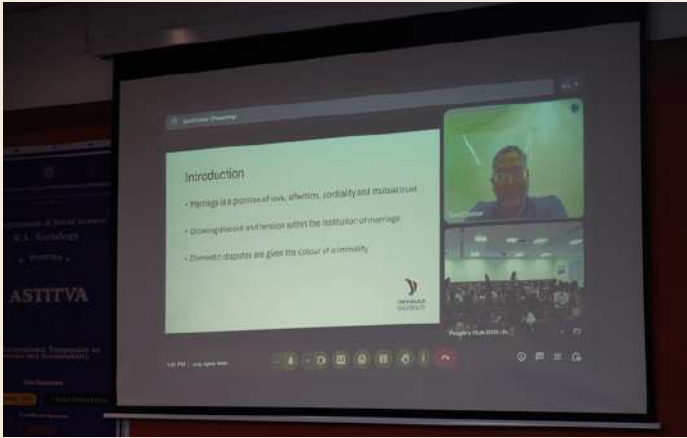


The sessions featured distinguished speakers including Ms. Grace Banu, Founder and Director of Trans Rights Now Collective and Technologist; Dr. Aishwarya Rao, Founder of The Better Home Shelter, Public Health Expert, and Paediatrician; Dr. Persis Naumann, Fulbright Scholar and Adjunct Professor, Centre for Global Health Ethics, Duquesne University, USA; Ms. Avipsha Das, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Criminology, University of Madras; Dr. Vijayalakshmi V, Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences and Languages, VIT Chennai; Dr. Sumit Sonkar, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Vidyashilp University, Bengaluru; Ms. Vaishnavi, Gender and Urban Governance Specialist; Ms. Krithika, Senior Correspondent, The New Indian Express; and the symposium concluded with a valedictory address by Ms. Asha Ajit, IAS, Chief Operating Officer, Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project.



ASTITVA

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER AND SUSTAINABILITY



STUDENT MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

The institution has a student cabinet named 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 headed by students from those Departments. The Sociology Department co-leads the Ministry of Environment with the Department of Mathematics. In the 2025-26 academic year, the ministry launched new initiatives such as No Private Vehicle Day, a campaign for SDG apps, Koodugal - Avian Artistry Workshop, and a street play promoting cloth bags on the theme “Meendum Manjappai”.



CORE TEAM 2025-2026





ASPIRANTS' CLUB

Aspirants Club is a student-led platform that brings together individuals preparing for competitive and academic examinations. The club serves as a supportive community for sharing knowledge, study materials, and strategies, while also organizing discussions, workshops, and motivational sessions. Its mission is to empower students with the right guidance and motivation to achieve their career ambitions with confidence.

MOCK TEST 2026



GUEST LECTURES

PROMINENT GUEST LECTURES



DR. P. M. NAIR, IPS (RETD.) –
ADVISOR, TISS & ANTI-
TRAFFICKING EXPERT



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MR. GOVINDA RAO I.A.S STARTS HIS ON
VAAGAI SOODA VAA 'UPSC/TNPSC
AWARENESS PROGRAM'

MR. SRUTUNJAY NARAYANAN I.A.S STARTS HIS ON
VAAGAI SOODA VAA 'UPSC/TNPSC AWARENESS
PROGRAM'



ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS ON NATIONAL & GLOBAL PLATFORMS

Our students actively engaged in national and international academic forums hosted by leading institutions across Chennai, showcasing their research and ideas through paper presentations and scholarly dialogue.

They contributed to intellectually vibrant platforms organized by the Department of Public Policy at M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, the Department of Social Work (PG) at Anna Adarsh College for Women, and the Department of Sociology at Loyola College.

Through these experiences, students explored contemporary social issues, exchanged diverse perspectives with scholars and peers, and strengthened their research, analytical, and presentation skills. Such exposure not only enriches their academic journey but also nurtures critical thinking and fosters meaningful interdisciplinary engagement.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATION: CHINA'S INFLUENCE OPERATIONS IN SOUT ASIA (CHENNAI STUDY FOR CHINA STUDIES) AT M.O.P. VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



THE HUMAN ALGORITHM: REIMAGINING SOCIETY IN THE AGE OF AI AT LOYOLA COLLEGE



NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATION: REIMAGINING SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS EMBRACING INCLUSIVENESS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AT ANNA ADARSH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

STUDENT'S PROMINENT INTERSHIPS

- Smiridhi Janaki: Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (Kanyakumari)
- Indhuja Abitha: District Social Welfare Department (Tenkasi)
- Divya M: Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (Kotagiri)
- Sandhya K: Shisthi Foundation (Pondichery)
- Shriya Rajji M: Greater Chennai Corporation, Gender Lab Policy (Chennai)
- Pooja J P: Social Welfare Department, One Stop Centre (Chennai)
- Priya Dharshini: Aadi-Attapadi Development Initiative
- Nakshatra Ajay: Bangalore Creative Circus (Bangalore)
- Prapti Dutta: Balipara Foundation - (Guwahati)
- Sujitha B: Tamil Nadu State Information Commission (Nandham)
- Monisha Palani: Tribal Research Centre, Ooty, M. Palada (Ooty)
- Geeta Krishnan: Supreme Court of India
- Vinthi Jain: Goldman Sachs (Bangalore)

PROMINENT STUDENT PROJECTS

- A Sociological Study on the Effects of AI Companionship and Its Influence on Social Relationships Among Gen Z: With Special Reference to Chennai
- Humour, Hashtag and Healing: The role of social media in modern youth activism in India
- A Sociological study on the influence of intercaste marriage portrayals in Tamil Cinema on educated urban residents
- Culinary Colonisation: Western Influences on Indigenous food patterns among Gen Z with special reference to Chennai
- SEX-ED In The Shadows: A Sociological study exploring Taboo, Myths and Media as Educators among Teenagers (Chennai)
- A Sociological Enquiry into the Urban Inequality and Livelihood Vulnerability of slum dwellers in Kasimedu, Chennai
- A Study on the Influence of Social Media in Portraying the Trad Wife Trend on the Gen- Z Women with Special Reference to Chennai.

HIGHER STUDIES AND CAREER OPTIONS

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

OUR STUDENTS AT GLOBAL AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

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

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Government Of India



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MORE....**

PROMINENT ALUMINI



RAMYASREEN (BATCH: (2021-2024)
Journalist, Times of India

NETHRA PRIADARSHINI N (BATCH: 2020-2023)
Recruiter, Human Resources - TCS



ARUNA SREE B - (BATCH: 2019-2022)
Advocate practising at the Madras High Court

VIGAASINI RANGANATHAN (BATCH: 2019-2022)
Associate – Legal
Corporate & Commercial,
BDO Legal.



VARSHA BALAGANESH (BATCH : 2018-2021)
Executive - PMO at Populus Empowerment Network

UTHARA PATTATHIL (BATCH: 2017-2020)
HR Recruiter, Intellect Design Arena Ltd, United Kingdom



AVANTIKA S (BATCH: 2017-2020)
Manager - Learning & OD (organisational development) at Orkla
India

AMIRITHA DEVI (BATCH : 2016-2019)
Advocate, High Court,
Legal Awareness Facilitator, Visiting Faculty at Legal awareness
programs in educational and corporate settings



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



PROMINENT ALUMNI



MANASA J (BATCH: 2016-2019)
Business Development Manager, Twofour 54, Yas Creative
Hub, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi



DR. GNANA SANGA MITHRA. S (BATCH: 2012-2015)
Associate Dean - Research (Interdisciplinary)



AISHWARYA RAMAN (BATCH : 2008-2011)
Associate Director & Head of Research, Ola Mobility Institute (OMI)



MEENAKSHI BASKER (BATCH : 2008-2011)
Academic Consultant, Ball State University, United States



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



Ms. Rajalakshmy P S
M.A Sociology, B.Ed. (Social Science), UGC-SET, Ph.D (Pursuing)
Assistant Professor and Head of the Department
Subjects of Expertise : Gender Studies, Principles of Sociology , Sociological Theory , Research Methods, Globalization and Society, Social Pathology

Dr.Manju Priya K
M.A, (UGC-JRF) M.Phil., PhD (JNU)
Position: Assistant Professor
Subjects of Expertise: Economic Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Sociological Theories, Social Entrepreneurship, Caste, Gender Social Movements, Popular culture and Diaspora



Dr. Aswathy Chandragiri
M.A, UGC-NET, PhD (BITS-Pilani)
Position: Assistant Professor
Subjects of Expertise: Gender Studies, Masculinities, Border Studies, Nationalism, Sociology of Development

Dr. Leena V S
M.Sc Medical Sociology, PhD (VIT)
Position: Assistant Professor
Subjects of Expertise: Medical Sociology, Sexual Health, Gender and Health, Counselling Psychology, Globalisation and Society, Principles of Sociology, NGO Management

