

QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE(A),CHENNAI-600 004.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The Inauguration of the Sociology Association

Date:7 October 2026

Time:10.00 a.m.

Theme: "From Society to Career – Discovering the Power of Sociology"

The **Department of Sociology**, Queen Mary's College, Chennai, organised the Inauguration of the **Sociology Association** on 7 October 2026 at 10.00 a.m. at the Seminar Hall. The programme was organised with the objective of highlighting the significance of Sociology, its relevance to contemporary society, and the diverse career opportunities available to students pursuing the discipline.

The programme commenced with **Tamil Thai Vazhthu**, marking the formal commencement of the event. The proceedings were compered by **Ms. S. Devika, III B.A. Sociology, Social Service League Secretary, Queen Mary's College**. With clarity and confidence, she coordinated the various segments of the programme and ensured the smooth and dignified conduct of the event.

The **Welcome Address** was delivered by **Dr. A. Bhanu Gayatri Devi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology**, who extended a warm welcome to the distinguished dignitaries, faculty members, and students. She emphasised the importance of Sociology as a discipline that enables students to develop a deeper understanding of society, social relationships, institutions, and contemporary social realities.

This was followed by the Introduction of the Chief Guest, delivered by **Ms. R. Dharshini, III B.A. Sociology and Hostel Secretary**, who introduced **Dr. S. Sakthi, Principal (Retd.), Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam, Chennai, Former HOD of the Department of Sociology** to the gathering.

The **Presidential Address** was delivered by **Dr. N. Kalaivani, Principal, Queen Mary's College**. In her address, she highlighted the academic significance of the Sociology Department and its vital role in cultivating students' intellectual abilities, social awareness, critical thinking, and professional competencies. She encouraged students to recognise the wider relevance of sociological knowledge and to utilise their academic learning for meaningful personal and professional development.

The **Special Address** was delivered by **Dr. S. Sakthi, Principal (Retd.), Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam, Chennai, Former HOD of the Department of Sociology**. Her address provided valuable insights into the significance of Sociology in understanding society and interpreting contemporary social issues. She elucidated the multifaceted role of sociologists in examining social problems, understanding changing social conditions, and responding to the diverse needs of communities. She further emphasised the expanding career scope of Sociology, drawing attention to the wide range of professional avenues in which sociological knowledge, research skills, analytical abilities, and social understanding can be effectively applied. Her address served as an inspiration for students to explore the numerous professional possibilities associated with the

discipline.

Following the Special Address, **Dr. G. Divya Kamakshi, Guest Lecturer, Department of Sociology**, introduced the members of the Sociology Association. The introduction formally acknowledged the student representatives and members who would contribute to the academic and co-curricular activities of the Association during the academic year.

The **Vote of Thanks** was proposed by **Ms. S. Sorna Kavya, III B.A. Sociology**, who expressed her sincere gratitude to the dignitaries, Principal, Head of the Department, faculty members, and students for their valuable presence, support, and participation in the inaugural programme.

The programme concluded with the **National Anthem**, bringing the inaugural ceremony to a dignified close.

The inauguration of the Sociology Association was an enlightening, intellectually stimulating, and inspiring occasion for the students of the Department. The programme reinforced the significance of Sociology in understanding social realities and highlighted the indispensable role of sociologists in addressing contemporary social concerns. It also broadened students' awareness of the diverse career opportunities available within and beyond the conventional boundaries of the discipline.

The event marked the formal commencement of the activities of the Sociology Association for the academic year 2026–2027, providing an encouraging platform for students to engage in academic, social, and professional enrichment activities. Overall, the programme successfully conveyed the theme “From Society to Career – Discovering the Power of Sociology” and motivated students to recognise the transformative potential of sociological knowledge in both society and their future careers.