

National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Sociological Research: Theory and Methods in Practice

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About the Programme

The Department of Sociology, Queen Mary's College (Autonomous), Chennai, successfully organized a One-Day National Workshop titled "Emerging Trends in Sociological Research: Theory and Methods in Practice" on 3rd January 2026 at the Seminar Hall, Admin Block.

The workshop was organized with the objective of familiarizing students and scholars with contemporary developments in sociological theory, research methodology, hypothesis formulation, and empirical testing. The programme provided an academic platform for meaningful interaction between students, faculty members, and eminent scholars from reputed institutions.

Resource Persons

Dr. R. Vijayaragavan, B.Sc., MBA., Ph.D.

National Lead – GIST, CRISP

Delivered an insightful session on "Hypothesis Building and Empirical Testing in Research," emphasizing the importance of scientific rigor and methodological clarity in social science research.

Dr. G. Prabakaran, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., PDF

Assistant Professor, Centre for Study of Social Inclusion, Pondicherry University

Handled the session on "Bridging Theory and Practice in Modern Sociological Research," highlighting the relevance of sociological theories in addressing contemporary social issues.

Inaugural Session

The programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Dr. S. Kalavathi, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Queen Mary's College.

The Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. B. Uma Maheshwari, Principal, Queen Mary's College, who emphasized the importance of research-based learning and encouraged students to actively engage in academic inquiry.

Programme Schedule Highlights

- Registration
- Inaugural Session
- Technical Session I
- Tea Break
- Technical Session II
- Valedictory Session & Feedback

Students, and faculty members participated actively throughout the sessions and engaged in meaningful academic discussions.

Student Feedback

The feedback received from the participants was highly positive and encouraging. Students expressed that the workshop was academically enriching, informative, and well-structured. They appreciated the clarity with which complex research concepts were explained and found the sessions highly relevant to their academic and research needs.

Participants highlighted that the workshop enhanced their understanding of sociological research processes, strengthened their analytical skills, and motivated them to pursue further research. The interactive nature of the sessions and real-life research illustrations were particularly appreciated.

Overall, the students felt that the workshop successfully met its objectives and contributed significantly to their academic growth.

Vote of Thanks

The Department of Sociology extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. B. Uma Maheshwari, Principal, Queen Mary's College, for her constant support, encouragement, and guidance in organizing the programme.

The department places on record its heartfelt thanks to the distinguished resource persons, Dr. R. Vijayaragavan and Dr. G. Prabakaran, for sharing their valuable expertise and insights, which greatly enriched the workshop.

The department also thanks Dr. S. Kalavathi, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, for her leadership and coordination. Appreciation is extended to all faculty members, organizing committee members, non-teaching staff, and student volunteers for their dedicated support.

Finally, the department thanks all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement, which made the workshop a grand success.

Conclusion

The National Workshop on "Emerging Trends in Sociological Research: Theory and Methods in Practice" was a meaningful academic initiative that enhanced research awareness and methodological understanding among participants. The programme successfully fulfilled its objectives and contributed to strengthening the research culture of the institution.