



**DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN SOCIOLOGY**

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# Sociology

## Department at a Glance

One of the oldest Sociology Departments in the country, the Department of Sociology in the University of Mysore started functioning as an independent entity in 1949. Even as early as in 1928-29, Sociology was being taught at the undergraduate level. The Department of Sociology has parented two more departments, Anthropology in 1974 and Social Work in 1990.

## Courses Offered

- M.A. in Sociology: Two year full time course in CBCS pattern (4 Semesters).
- M.Phil in Sociology: One Year full time course (2 Semesters).
- Ph.D in Sociology: Research programme with course work.

## M.A. Sociology - Course Papers

### I SEMESTER

Classical Sociology  
Research Methods in Social Sciences  
Rural Society in India: Change and Development  
Society and Education  
Sociology of Marginalized Groups  
Sociology of Development

### II SEMESTER

Modern Sociological Theories  
Sociology of Health  
Sociology of Social Movements  
Gender and Society  
Sociology of Professions  
Indian Society in Transition (Open Elective)

### III SEMESTER

Contemporary Sociological Theories  
Statistics and Computer Applications  
Politics and Society  
Human Rights and Social Justice  
Urban Society in India  
Social Disorganization and Reconstruction (Open Elective)

### IV SEMESTER

Approaches to the Study of Indian Society  
Globalization and Indian Society  
Society, Media and Development  
Social Policy and Social Development  
Sociology of Family (Open Elective)  
Project Work

## **M.Phil. Sociology - Course Papers**

### **I SEMESTER**

Research Methods And Statistics  
Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology- I  
Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology- II  
Background Paper

### **II SEMESTER**

Dissertation work

## **Doctoral Programme**

Ph.D Degrees Awarded: 57  
Current Registrations: 52

## **Research Areas**

Gender Studies , Social Disorganisation, Sociology of Education,  
Rural Development, Social Movements, Tribal Development,  
Sociology of Health, Voluntary Sector, Sociology of Religion,  
Marginalized Groups

## **Faculty Research Projects**

### **Dr. C. Parvathamma**

- A Leadership Study of Scheduled Caste Members of Parliament: A Sociological Analysis, UGC (1966-67).
- Impact of Community Development Programmes on Two Mysore Villages, Khadi and Village Industries Board (1968-69).
- Employment Problems of University Graduates, Government of Mysore (1968-69).
- National Study on the Educational Problems of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe College Students in Karnataka, ICSSR (1973-74).
- Socio-Economic Survey of Scheduled Castes and Tribes in Karnataka, Government of Karnataka (1976-77).
- Study of Houseless People in Karnataka, Department of Planning Government of Karnataka (1983-84).

### **Dr. K.N. Venkatarayappa**

- Field Studies in Sociology of Education, N.C.E.R.T. (1970-71).

### **Dr. Jogan Shankar**

- A Study on the Socio-Economic Conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka, Government of Karnataka (1995-96).

### **Dr. R. Indira**

- An Evaluation of the Functioning of Ashram Schools – A Comparative Study of Karnataka and Orissa (in collaboration with Dr. D.K. Behera of Sambalpur University, Orissa) Ministry of Welfare, GOI (1997-99).

- Empowering Women through Forestry: The Role of Indigenous Women in Forestry Development Programmes (in collaboration with Prof. Karim-Aly S. Kassam of University of Calgary, Canada), Canadian International Development Agency & Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (1999-2001).
- Building Capacities of Rural Communities through People's Institutions: Self-Help Group as a Channel for Infrastructure Development and Economic Empowerment (in collaboration with Prof. Karim-Aly S. Kassam of the University of Calgary, Canada), Canadian International Development Agency & Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (2003-06).
- India Eco-development Project, Karnataka Forest Department (2003-04).
- Gender and Primary Education in a Forest Region, ICSSR (2005-07).
- Livelihood Practices and Development Choices: Strategies for Achieving a Convergence in Forest Communities, Karnataka Forest Department (2009-10).
- Governance Engendered: Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice; Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (2011-2012).

### **Dr. B. Gururaja**

- A Study of Social Dynamics in Farmers' Suicides in North Karnataka, University of Mysore (2001-02).
- A Study of Head Loaders and Devastations of Forests in Karnataka, Karnataka Forest Department (2003-04).

### **Library**

The Department has a Library with nearly 500 books both in English and Kannada.

### **Unique Features of the Department**

- Field based student projects as a mandatory component of the course syllabus
- Networks established with voluntary groups for student placement
- Collaborative research projects with national and international organizations
- Research projects with policy implications sponsored by state and central governments.