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**SOCIOFEST'24**

**INAUGURATION**



**Ms. NIVEDITA LOUIS**

**WRITER,  
SOCIAL & FEMINIST HISTORIAN,  
CO-FOUNDER & EDITOR, HER STORIES.**

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**VALEDICTORY**



**Ms. DEEPALAKSHMI J**

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MARKETING EXECUTIVE.

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## **Report on the Socio Fest - Department Festival of Sociology**

**Date:** 14.12.2024, Saturday

**Venue:** Quinn Hall, MS-06

**Organized by:** Department of Sociology

The annual intercollegiate cultural fete “Socio-Fest” conducted by the Department of Sociology was not only a celebration of culture and talent but also a platform for insightful discussions and reflections on significant issues related to the theme of this academic year “Sustainable Development”. Around 150 participants from the Stella Maris College, MOP Vaishnav College, DG Vaishnav College, Gurunanak College, Sri Kanyaga Parameshwari College and Queen Mary’s College participated enthusiastically. This festival had a wide range of events namely on stage events - Shipwreck, Channel Surfing Debate, and Quiz. Off Stage events included Poster Making, Creative Writing, Face Painting, and Online events – Reel Making, Photography and Pencil Sketching. The events showcased the eloquence and passion of the participants from various colleges.

The event began with a prayer performed by the UG students, followed by the introduction of the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest, Ms. Nivedita Louis, is a writer, social and feminist historian and the co-founder and editor of ‘Her Stories’. In her speech, the chief guest emphasized the challenges faced by women and queer people in science and technology fields, highlighting their contributions and struggles in historically patriarchal systems. She highlighted the life of Alan Turing, who is known for his much-needed contribution to end the world war. She emphasized on the hardships that he faced during his life as he identified as a queer person. She discussed how Mileva Marić, a talented physicist and mathematician, faced systemic oppression due to the prevailing patriarchy, which overshadowed her contributions. She narrated the story of ‘Mrs. Klug’, who introduced the first cinema theatre to Madras. The speech called for breaking stereotypes, promoting gender equity, and recognizing the overlooked contributions of women in science and technology.

The first copy of ‘Humanities and Social Science Studies’ journal was released by the chief guest Ms. Niveditha Louis and received by Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert S.J. The journal is an outcome of the ‘International Conference organized by the Department of Sociology, Loyola College, Chennai on the theme Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The cultural competitions began in full swing with an enthusiastic participation of students from various colleges across Chennai. The on-stage events included quiz, channel surfing,

debate, and shipwreck. The off-stage events included poster-making, face-painting, and creative writing. Online submission events were held prior to the fest, where students participated in competitions such as reel-making, photography, and pencil sketching. Principle Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ joined during the events in welcoming the participants from various colleges.

The Valedictory event was held after lunch. The chief guest for the valedictory was Ms. Deepalakshmi J, who is a writer, translator, and marketing executive. She shared her own experiences as a civil engineering student, where female students were allowed to participate in placement programs but were denied actual job opportunities. This highlighted the gender-based discrimination and systemic barriers women often face in male-dominated fields. She addressed the presence of “glass ceilings” in education and professional spaces, where invisible yet strong barriers hinder women’s progress. She also pointed out that sometimes women themselves hesitate to seek out opportunities, limiting their growth further. She urged students to focus on self-empowerment and to uplift those around them. She emphasized the importance of breaking societal norms and actively pursuing opportunities to overcome systemic challenges.

Ms. Deepalakshmi felicitated the prize winners of the competitions conducted. The overall runner-up of the competitions was MOP Vaishnav College for Women. The overall championship of the Socio-Fest 2024 was bagged by Stella Maris College, Chennai. The event concluded on an exciting note with the students of Department of Sociology, Loyola College performing for the audience.











