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**MARXISM AND TAMIL NATIONALISM**



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**REPORT ON MARXISM & TAMIL NATIONALISM**  
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The Department of Sociology organised its first lecture titled **Marxism and Tamil Nationalism**, as part of the centenary lecture series themed Marxism and Tamil Nadu. The event took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 11.30. a.m. in Lawrence Sundaram Hall.

The session was formally inaugurated with *Tamizh Thaaai Vaazhthu* by the Department Choir. Dr. J. Vanitha, Head, Department of Sociology and Prof. M. B. Venkata Narayana felicitated the Chief Guest with a shawl and memento followed by Mr. Yashvanth, Secretary of Sociology Association welcomed the gathering. Chief guest of the event was Mr. Thiyagu (popularly called *Thozhar* Thiyagu) - a social activist, politician, and the founder of Tamil National Liberation Movement, and is well known for his expertise in Marxist ideologies. Mr. Isaiarasan, a III B.A. student introduced the chief guest to the gathering. As a fluent Tamil speaker with a deep understanding of Marxist ideology in both Tamil and English, Mr. Thiyagu was the perfect addition to the stage. Another reason that drew attention was his exceptional expertise in the subject he had been invited to discuss. Chief guest began his speech by expressing his admiration for our college, eulogising the college for its achievements and the laurels that turned its way through these 100 years. He also recollected his presence for Loyola's 75th year celebrations, and appreciated our college's milestone.

Identifying Marx's works to be a great source of knowledge till date, Mr. Thiyagu highlighted the role of Marxism in attaining the phase of nationalism, drawing special reference to the state of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nationalism. Throwing light on the events that happened generally in 1925, he explained the year's significance in shaping Tamil Nadu's history through events such as the self-respect movement. He then emphasised how the Indian National Congress served to be an inspiration to countries like Africa to initiate their own national parties.



The chief guest had clear knowledge not just about Tamil Nadu but also about the other states of India and abroad, that it kept the audience awestruck. He said towards the end of his speech,

that Marxism is the *Olivilaku (guiding light)* to our societies. He finally pointed out that the social anatomy of any structure is crucial to any profession. He closed his session by saying these thought-provoking words

“மார்க்சியம் என்னை தேசியத்தை அடைய வழிவகுத்தது;  
மார்க்சியம் விழுமியங்களை வலியுறுத்துகின்றது.”



The floor was then open for discussion and the couple of questions were taken for the speaker to respond. The session came to an end by the vote of thanks given by Mr. Ssrejith of I UG followed by the national anthem. Mr. Rohith a III UG student and the emcee of the event thanked the audience for their active participation.



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