

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI
Inter College Department Festival
Socio-fest'25

Date: 06 December, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Social Work Hall

The Department of Sociology, Loyola College, Chennai organized its annual inter-collegiate festival, Socio-fest on December 06, 2025. This event aims to bringing together students from leading institutions across the city for a day of creativity, intellect and socio-cultural engagement. The programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Ms. Bavadharni S, II PG, followed by the Chief Guest Introduction delivered by Ms. P. Amanda, PG Department Secretary.

Chief Guest Address

The festival was inaugurated by Dr. Radhika Murugesan, Consultant Psychiatrist and Founder and CEO of Chennai Minds. In her insightful inaugural address, she emphasized the fundamental differences between the human brain and artificial intelligence and shed light on key mental health concerns such as neurodivergence and the rising prevalence of mental illnesses including anxiety and depression. She also discussed factors contributing to women's mental health vulnerabilities, double burden of work, childcare responsibilities, socio-economic challenges, patriarchal structures and struggles with personal identity. She encouraged students to cultivate self-awareness, communicate openly and understand their emotional wellbeing.

Inter-Collegiate Events

Participants from M.O.P. Vaishnav College, Stella Maris College, Women's Christian College, Ethiraj College for Women, B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent University, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Madras School of Social Work and the University of Madras enthusiastically took part in a wide range of competitions, including: Face Painting, AI Poster Making, Meme Creation, Green Thread, Treasure Hunting, Mind Marathon, Eco Scope, Open Mic, Creative Writing, Photography. These events showcased the students' creativity, critical thinking and awareness of contemporary sociological issues.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory address and felicitation were delivered by Dr. J. Vanitha, Head of the Department of Sociology, who commended the participants for their active involvement and the department for successfully hosting the event.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. N. Suriyanarasiman, UG Department Secretary, expressing gratitude to the faculty, participants, judges and volunteers for their contribution.

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