



# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



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## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Sociology at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit offers Postgraduate and Ph.D Programs with a focus on interdisciplinary teaching and research. The Department provides vibrant options for students to specialize in Sociology with contemporary relevance.

## VISION

To design a genre of Sociology that enables in understanding the complex socio-cultural constructions with key interests in theory and praxis.

## MISSION

To put Sociology into a meaningful usage in personal and academic lives by creating a critical sociological gaze.

## PROGRAMMES OFFERED

- M.A. (2014 onwards)
- M.Phil. & Ph.D. (2010 onwards)

## PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

1. Comprehend fundamental concepts and theories in acquiring skills for Sociological imagination
2. Conceive research methods and methodologies in studying social realities
3. Achieve critical sensibility towards social, economic and political processes and their impact
4. Exhibit oral and written communication skills in disseminating Sociological knowledge
5. Improve proficiency in applying Sociology and enhance employability



## PROJECTS & COLLABORATIONS

1. Cochin Natural History Society (since 2010)
2. Indian Sociological Society (since 2011)
3. Kerala Sociological Society (since 2011)
4. Christ University, Internship Programme (2013)
5. Editorship, eBird, Bird Diversity Magazine Cornell University, New York (2014)
6. ICSSR Project (Major) Completed in 2016
7. UGC Research Award (2016-19)
8. Independent Study Project (ISP) - Knoyn College and School for International Training, USA (2019)
9. UGC-STRIDE Project (2020-23)
10. SSTTP (Higher Secondary School Teachers' Transformation Program), Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Government of Kerala (2020)
11. Kerala University - ASPIRE Scholarship (2021)



## RESEARCH FOCUS

1. **Intersectionality Studies**
2. **Qualitative Research**
3. **Food and Culture**
4. **State, Religion and Nationality**





## KEY PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY

### Dr. Biju Vincent -

- Breaking Strutral Barriers of Eating-out Practices: Understanding the Emerging Forms of Urban Pleasure (2016) in Urban Development: Challenges, Concerns and Considerations, Discovery Publishing House
- Stigma: the Barrier for Awareness Enhancement and the Problem of Formal Education (2013) in Contemporary Social Problems in India, Thirukkural Pathippagam
- Dynamics of Religion: Caste and Communalism in India (2012) in An Introduction to Kerala Studies, International Institute of Scientific and Acdemic Collaboration
- Food System and Power Relations in (2019) Sameeksha - Sociology Research journal



### Dr. Sheethal S Kumar -

- Experiencing Religion: Women Religion and Contemporary Mizo society' (2019) in Religious Pluralities in Contemporary Society, Mittal Publishers
- Book Review on Bandyopadhayay, Mahuya& Mehta, Rimple (eds) (2022). Women Incarcerated: Narratives from India (2023) in Sociological Bulletin
- Marginality: A Critical Review of the Concept (2022) in Review of Development and Change



## AWARDS RECEIVED BY FACULTY

### Dr. Sheetal S Kumar

- UGC-IUC Award of Associateship, IAS, Shimla
- P. K. B Nayar Best Paper Award in 2009 awarded by Kerala Sociological Society

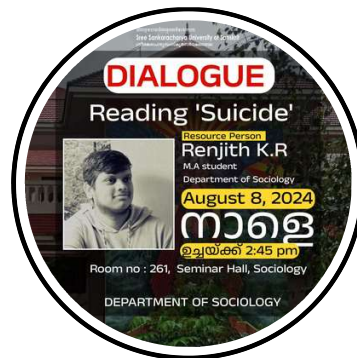
### Dr. Biju Vincent

- UGC-IUC Award of Associateship, IAS, Shimla
- UGC Research Award (2016-18)

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STUDENTS

1 UGC NET - JRF QUALIFIED (2024)

7 UGC NET QUALIFIED (2024)



## RECENT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- Documentary presentation and discussion on 'is rape consensual?'
- Decolonizing/ debrahminising queer discourses
- ആത്മഹത്യ, ഘടനാപരമായ കൊലപാതകം: എം. കുഞ്ഞാമനും എതിര്-ഉം വായിക്കപ്പെടുമ്പോൾ
- Reading Suicide
- Understanding Caste
- PRA/PLA workshops
- Developing methodologies in sociology
- Qualitative & quantitative tools & software workshop