

Executive Summary

Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, was started based on a dream by a visionary Dr.Capt.D.V.P.Raja, who was in military services to defend our Nation against the attack of China in 1962 and the Pakistan War in 1965. After the war was over, he left the military service just to establish a college of Social Work, in the southern part of Tamilnadu to fulfill his long dream of inculcating the spirit of service in the minds of the youth.

After a long struggle he was able to start the college on 2nd October 1969 in commemoration of the birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhiji, at Madurai with 4 students and, in a small rented building in Besant Road .

Now it has grown to a level of a Multi-faculty Autonomous College with more than 900 students, 44 Teaching Faculty in which 7 are in the Aided stream and 18 Non-Teaching Staff in which 8 are in the Aided stream. It has 7 UG programmes, 4 PG programmes, 2 PG Diploma programmes, 1MPhil and 1 Ph.D programme with 12 (B) and 2 (f) status.

As we grew we were able to add lots of positives and advantages into our hat. In 1975 we moved to a much spacious own building in the heart of the city just 1 kilometer from the Bus Station.

The College vision is our greatest strength. We have the most experienced and committed Social Work faculty in the southern part of Tamilnadu.

In 1985, we got permanent affiliation to MA (Social Work). In 1992, due to the necessity in the field our college became social sciences college introducing courses like HRM, Computer Sciences and Commerce.

In 2007 we were Accredited with B++ by NAAC. In 2009 we got Autonomous status which has helped us to modify our syllabus whenever needed, based on the needs and feedback from the Stakeholders to meet the field realities. After that we have introduced English Literature and MBA courses.

We were able to increase our pass percentage. We were able to introduce Value added courses and Skill based Add on courses which are needbased and well appreciated by the students.

The span of over 4 decades has made us to have appreciable relationships with the field work agencies. The introduction of Actual, Ambition, Achievement (AAA) Format, with the Enabler teacher we are able to measure and understand the actual level of the students when they enter the college, then their ambition and what they are able to achieve when they leave the college. We have student support centre for students with psycho-social problems.

The main limitation we face is that most of the students admitted are the First generation Students and from Tamil medium. Hence they face difficulty in understanding the classes and communication initially, which is augmented through Bridge courses and Remedial courses. Attrition of faculty in self-finance stream is another drawback for which several steps are taken to overcome.

**Still We are Travelling ...
Miles to go before we sleep...**