

ORANGE CITY COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK, NAGPUR

INDIA'S THIRD AND MAHARASHTRA'S FIRST COLLEGE PROVIDING SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT LOWEST FEE.

During the 25th survey conducted by the prestigious magazine India Today through Marketing and Development Research Associates (MDRA), Orange City College of Social Work, Nagpur came out as India's Third and Maharashtra's First college providing quality education at the lowest fees. The college achieved the rank among the various colleges of Social Work in India. The survey was conducted through the questionnaire comprising of 112 heads in the session 2020-2021.

The college has scored 51st All India Rank among the best Social Work colleges of India. The college has been at its heels in facilitating the students from deprived and weaker section of the society in the field of professional social work. Adhering to the quotes of Krantisurya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, "Never let the flame of awareness die", the values of the Constitution of India, social obligation and responsibility, the college is always ready to bring the students from the deprived section of the society into the main stream of education and organizing innovative programs related to the social justice.

Orange City College of Social Work, Nagpur has been pioneer in the innovative and social oriented initiatives like 'Amhi Doot Samteche', 'Jagar Samtecha' and 'Sanvidhan Jagruti' and has been active in other social movements. The college encourages the maximum admission of the students from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribe, Other Backward Class, Minorities and provides socially oriented quality education at lowest fees along with the basic facilities, latest technology, qualitative teaching-learning process, priority to research for the welfare of the vulnerable section of the society, encouragement and participation in sports, and cultural activities, village adoption programme and many such qualitative and innovative programmes.

It is on the basis of these merits that the college has secured prominent place in the survey conducted by India Today. This achievement had been resultant to the patronage of Hon. Dr. Chandansingh Rotele, President Gram Utkarsh Shikshan Sanstha, Nagpur, encouragement and support of Hon. Kedarsingh Rotele, Vice- President Gram Utkarsh Shikshan Sanstha, Nagpur

and guidance and leadership of Hon. Dr. Mahendrakumar Meshram, Principal Orange City College of Social Work, Nagpur. The teaching and non-teaching faculty, students have extended their delight and words of appreciation towards the college, without whose support, fairing in the survey with such flying colours could not be materialise. Besides, the college is receiving praises for its accomplishment from the social and educational field. The survey was successfully concluded through the hard work and coordination of Prof. Sulok Raghuwanshi, Assistant Professor in English, Orange City College of Social Work, Nagpur.

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SCIENCES, MUMBAI**

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**“We shipped around 60 laptops
to students in remote areas”**

-SHUBHADA MAITRA

Dean, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai



ALL TOGETHER

A pre-pandemic class
at TISS Mumbai

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o make the switch to online teaching last year, our institution developed TISSOL, an inhouse online learning platform.

By June, we were using it to transact the curriculum. We posted notes, course content, assignments and started discussion forums. We ensured the rigour of the programme was maintained despite students submitting the assignments from home. Not all assignments were written. There were mock quizzes, multiple question tests, case studies and group presentations to grade students. We didn't presume that students would have access to internet given that almost half our student population is from the underprivileged section. Many face electricity issues, vagaries of weather and don't have access to smart phones, data packs and laptops. We were very concerned about getting every last student on board in the online teaching-learning process. The Office of Students Affairs raised resources and an organisation donated laptops. We shipped close to 60 laptops to students in remote areas. A few were reimbursed for internet data packs. Some students moved out of their hometown to stay with a relative in a place where there was digital access. They needed money for subsistence. TISSOL donated Rs 65,000 across 13 most students to help them cope with financial difficulties and complete the programme. Often, the atmosphere at home is not conducive for learning, particularly for female students. If a woman is at home, she is expected to work in the field or do household work. Some students opted to defer their admission—earlier, only students who had completed the first semester were allowed to do so. We relaxed the requirement and allowed a few to defer their admission and join afresh in the next batch. The admission test was also conducted with on-campus essays and group discussions removed and entrants selected on the basis of TISSNET marks and online personal interviews.” ■

(As told to Suhani Singh)

TOP

10 SOCIAL WORK COLLEGES

RANK 2021	RANK 2020	RANK 2019	RANK 2018	COLLEGE	CITY
1	1	1	1	TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (TISS)	Mumbai
2	2	3	3	RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Kochi
3	3	2	2	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	New Delhi
4	4	4	4	MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK	Chennai
5	NP*	NP	NP	COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (AUTONOMOUS), NIRMALA NIKETAN	Mumbai
6	6	7	6	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
7	5	5	5	LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	Thiruvananthapuram
8	7	8	8	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	Chennai
9	8	10	11	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Chennai
10	NP	NP	9	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara

*NP: Not Participated

Note: The rankings are for Master's in Social Work

“A major source of relief was the field work we had in the second semester”

SUMAN SOURAV

First-year MA, TISS School of Social Work's Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship course, Mumbai

“The past 14 months have taught me the importance of experiential learning”

ANGHPU DORJEE SHERPA

Second-year MSW student, TISS Mumbai



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“We procured simulations from Harvard Business School Press”

DR BINOY JOSEPH

Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi



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In academic year 2020-21, we fully transformed our teaching systems to digital class rooms. It was a challenge to provide an immersive learning experience. Our priorities were providing conceptual clarity, experiential engagement, corporate/ civic engagement competency and executive modelling online. We have invested heavily in upgrading our IT infrastructure. We upgraded our broadband capacity to 300mbps and offered data scholarships to students to make online learning effective. We also

procured simulations from Harvard Business School Press for most disciplines. Faculty were also trained on using online teaching and assessment tools, and on conducting debates and discussions using various digital platforms. Our own faculty developed an online platform called ROLE—Rajagiri Online Learning Excellence. Student activities and clubs were also conducted online. Our fests were a huge success—we had participation from institutions from West and South Asia. Alumni and industry interactions

were shifted online as well, and students were encouraged to take up online courses. These included courses from SWAYAM, EdX and CourseEra, free of cost, as the college got licences from the providers. All internal exams were conducted online. While the end-of-semester exams were conducted offline, we did so in a decentralised manner. We also encouraged our students and faculty members to actively participate in Covid-19 relief efforts.” ■

(As told to Jeemon Jacob)

TOP

10 EMERGING COLLEGES

Highest-scoring colleges among those set up in or after 2000

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY
1	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
2	KRISTU JAYANTI COLLEGE	Bengaluru
3	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN	Ajmer
4	MSW PROGRAM, PRASANNA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MAHE	Manipal
5	ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Mangaluru
6	THE BHOPAL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (BSSS)	Bhopal
7	ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Bengaluru
8	AIMS INSTITUTES	Bengaluru
9	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH	Banasthali Vidyapeeth
10	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY	Coimbatore

NEW ENTRANTS ↓

Colleges that found place among top 25 for the first time

RANK IN 2021	COLLEGE	CITY
5	COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (AUTONOMOUS), NIRMALA NIKETAN	Mumbai
10	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara
24	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH	Banasthali Vidyapeeth

TOP 10 COLLEGES WITH THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY	RETURN ON INVESTMENT*
1	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	Chennai	29.78
2	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara	27.50
3	LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	Thiruvananthapuram	18.96
4	STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Chennai	17.96
5	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	New Delhi	16.20
6	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY	Aligarh	15.85
7	PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE	Coimbatore	15.79
8	VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Thrissur	12.15
9	RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Kochi	10.54
10	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY	Coimbatore	7.95

*Return on investment is calculated as average annual salary/total course fees

TOP 10 COLLEGES WITH THE LOWEST FEES

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY	COURSE FEES* (Rs)
1	STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Chennai	10,380
2	LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	Thiruvananthapuram	10,474
3	ORANGE CITY COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK	Nagpur	11,400
4	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	Chennai	11,751
5	VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Thrissur	13,340
6	PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE	Coimbatore	14,000
7	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara	16,000
8	WALCHAND COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE	Solapur	16,330
9	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN	Ajmer	22,520
10	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY	Coimbatore	22,640

*Course fees = Tuition fees + Other fees

Note: The list includes both government and private colleges

No. 3 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI NEW DELHI

GURUSPEAK

“We were able to devise systems for open-book examinations”

PAMELA SINGLA

Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, New Delhi

I took over as head of the department in June last year, when institutions were all in complete lockdown. The immediate challenge was conducting exams. We were all used to the offline mode—the new situation required a different strategy. Checking papers online was a first-time experience for the faculty, but it went well. We also had to restructure our academic programme. Google classrooms were created, resource pools of articles, textbooks and lectures were circulated to students. Since Social Work is a professional course with integrated field work, it was particularly important for us to redesign our field work programme. We organised a two-day workshop to restructure it and adapt it to the virtual mode. Students undertook the fieldwork in their respective places of stay. We also redesigned the evaluation schedule.” ■

(As told to Shelly Anand)

