



Celebration of Constitution Day

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, commemorated Constitution Day on November 26, 2024, under the theme “*The Idea of India Imagined by Our Founding Fathers.*” The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and scholars across various departments, showcasing a collective commitment to celebrating the foundational values of the nation.



The program commenced with the ceremonial Lamp Lighting, symbolizing knowledge and positivity, setting an auspicious tone for the event. Dr. Bipasha Som then formally introduced the dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Chief Patron, Patron, and Convenor, highlighting their contributions and roles in the celebration.



Dr. Vivek Mishra followed with an insightful introduction to the event’s theme, emphasizing the historical significance of Constitution Day. He elaborated on the adoption of the Constitution and its enactment, stressing its importance in fostering awareness of constitutional values among citizens. He asked everyone to



revisit or to read the speech of the Dr. B.R Ambedkar which he has delivered on 25th November 1949 a day before the adoption of the constitution as it contains the very essence and the imagination of the values on which India will work in future. He also discussed the two aspects of Constitution: Procedural and Substantive aspect mentioning how procedural aspect lay emphasis on the legal provisions and substantive aspect talks about the values like the dignified life which is mentioned in our Indian Constitution.

The session proceeded with a Welcome Speech by Prof. Bandana Pandey, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University. Prof. Pandey welcomed the Chief guest of the event Prof. Sushma Yadav Pro vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, other dignitaries, teachers and students, highlighting the significance of the theme. She discussed about the hard work that our forefathers have put into making this constitution for the



citizen of India. She explained how the constitution is not just the celebration of the formation of a legal document but how we embed these constitutional values within ourselves and make a commitment to live by these values and aspirations of our founding fathers. She further talked about the inclusivity of the Indian Constitution emphasizing on the preamble which begin with “we the people of India”. She highlighted that how beautiful it is that our constitution focuses on “we” rather than “I”. She emphasizes that it is very important for each and every one to pay tribute to the people who were the one behind the making of the constitution as it was their constant hard work which provided us this Constitution. She discussed about the the women member of the constituent assembly which were not as famous as the other contributors and she said that it is very disappointing that their contribution because of which we are here we have forgotten them and it is sad that they are not mentioned in the textbooks. She also explained that the Constitution is not only the inspiration for us but also it is the source of strength of every

Indian as it provides us with the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. She once again welcomed the Chief Guest Prof. Sushma Yadav.

Following the welcome speech, Prof. Sushma Yadav began her speech and introduced the theme with a wonderful presentation. She discussed that the Constitution is the fundamental law of a country which provides us a framework for governance and also guarantees the rights and obligations of its citizens, and specifies the composition, authority, and functions of the institutions. She mentioned that the constitution is very crucial because it protects democracy, maintains justice, and guarantees the fair allocation of power. By explaining the history of the constitution, she mentioned that it is under the direction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, more than 300 individuals laboured diligently to draft a constitution that represents liberty, equality, and justice. She further discussed that India's resolve to being a democratic, secular, socialist, and independent nation is reflected in the Preamble to the Constitution. She says that we honour this living document on the constitution day which unites over a billion people under a shared vision of justice and harmony, and reaffirms our collective resolve to uphold its values.



The Presidential Address was delivered by Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University. Prof. Sinha highlighted the importance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideas and vision in shaping the Indian Constitution. He urged students to delve into the fundamental principles of the Constitution, fostering their growth as informed and responsible citizens. Commending the organizers for their efforts, he stressed the necessity of consistently drawing inspiration from the Constitution and its core values to build a more inclusive and democratic India.



The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Pankaj Deep, Head, Department of Political Science and IR, acknowledging the support and contributions of all involved in the seminar. He highlighted the essence of the celebrations of the Constitution Day, where he emphasized the vision of India that was imagined by the founding fathers and the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in shaping and finalizing the constitution, which transformed India into a democratic republic. The session ended with the National Anthem, followed by High Tea, providing an opportunity for everyone present in the event to interact and network.



