

On the occasion of Constitution Day, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida conducted a special lecture jointly organized by the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights and the Department of Political Science and International Relations under the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The programme was centered on the theme “*Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhiman.*”, which conveys the message of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The programme was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest Dr. T. R. Naval, Guest of Honour Prof. Awatthi Ramaiyya and the Keynote Speaker Narendra Singh. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh; the Registrar, Dr. Vishwas Tripathi; the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Vandana Pandey; and the Head of the Department, Dr. Chandrabhanu Bharas.



The Constitution Day programme highlighted the enduring values and significance of the Indian Constitution through insightful addresses by eminent scholars and dignitaries. In the welcome address, Prof. Vandana Pandey described the Constitution as the soul of India, likening it to the Vedic hymns, and emphasized its balanced framework of rights and duties rooted in equality. Dr. Chandrabhanu Bharas clarified the roles of key figures in constitution-making, noting that while B. N. Rau served as adviser to the Constituent Assembly, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar remains the true architect of the Constitution.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Naval, led the collective recitation of the Preamble and stressed the importance of Article 17 in combating untouchability and exploitation. He also referred to the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, underscoring the pursuit of social justice. Guest of Honour Prof. Avatthi Ramaiyya described the Constitution not merely as a document but as an idea that unites the nation, identifying the Preamble as both its beginning and essence.

Keynote speaker Narendra Singh highlighted Ambedkar's central role, citing from Buddha to Karl Marx and noting Ambedkar's extensive amendments and sacrifice for women's rights. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh urged students and teachers to value duties alongside rights. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, reaffirming collective commitment to constitutional values.