

Report of the National Seminar on Indian Republic and Constitution: Aspirations and Achievements (Nov.26-27, 2021)

The Department of Public Administration, UCSSH, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, organized two days 'National Seminar on Indian Republic and Constitution: Aspirations and Achievements' on Nov.26-27, 2021. It was one of the academic activities conducted by MLSU, as part of the celebration of Constitution Day.

The Seminar was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor Sh. Kalraj Mishra, Speaker of State Legislative Assembly Dr. C.P. Joshi, Minister for Cooperatives, Sh. Udailal Anjana, and the Member of Parliament, Udaipur constituency Sh. Arjunlal Meena, along with other events including, inauguration of the Constitution Park, the newly constructed main gate and two other buildings, and the release of the book on MLSU's history.

Recommendations

After the two days' deliberations and paper presentations, the following recommendations/suggestions were put before the higher authorities and policy makers—

1. Fundamental duties must be made obligatory for all citizens especially for public servants.
2. Also, the reading of the Preamble of the Constitution and Fundamental Duties in school assembly must be declared mandatory (like in Maharashtra and MP).
3. Conducting activities in school and colleges like visits to see the Original copy of the Constitution of India, placed in the library of the Loksabha.
4. Declaring 26th November as a public holiday so that the general public can become aware of the Constitution day or *Samvidhan Diwas*. Devising a way to celebrate it and popularising it through TV and print media or social media campaigns involving 'influencers' or hash-tags.

5. Making a short and interesting film about the Constitution, its adoption and some main elements and provisions. Taking a popular actor, you-tuber or stand-up comedian (having a huge fan following esp. among millennials), to convey the message in an engaging and relatable manner.

This can be shown on TV and OTT platforms, in schools, colleges, Govt. institutions, and cinema halls.

6. Constitutional and legal provisions regarding tribal areas and scheduled tribes need to be made clear and all such public policies must be implemented in letter and spirit.
7. All the people (citizens) must be treated as "citizens" and not just as voters or vote bank.
8. Having 'Scientific temper' is declared as a fundamental duty in our constitution. Keeping in mind the pandemic like COVID-19, it is suggested to launch a nationwide campaign on scientific temper.
9. There must be a constitution-park / pillar with inscription of preamble and fundamental duties on it, in every educational institution.