Events conducted to create constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens.

Name of the Event	Description
Independence Day	Every year on August 15th, India observes Independence Day as a public holiday to mark the nation's independence from the United Kingdom on that day in 1947, when the provisions of the Indian Independence Act took effect, transferring legislative authority to the Indian Constituent Assembly.
Republic Day	India observes Republic Day as a national holiday to commemorate the 26th of January 1950, when the Indian Constitution went into effect. This took the place of the Government of India Act 1935 as the country's governing law, transforming India into a republic distinct from the British Raj. The Indian Constituent Assembly ratified the constitution on November 26, 1949, and it went into effect on January 26, 1950. The date of January 26 was chosen as Republic Day since it was on that day in 1930 that the Indian National Congress proclaimed the Declaration of Indian Independence.
Constitution Day	India observes Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, on November 26 each year. This day also coincides with the 133rd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the chairman of the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly, who played a pivotal role in shaping the Indian Constitution. Initially celebrated as Law Day, the day was renamed Constitution Day by the Indian government in 2015.
Human Rights Day	This day marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. The Constitution of India incorporates many of these pledges in the form of fundamental rights which we all enjoy.

Awareness on Fundamental Duties	Fundamental Duties, outlined in Article 51A of the Indian Constitution, are essential for fostering responsible and active citizenship. They encourage citizens to respect national symbols, uphold the Constitution, promote harmony, and protect the environment. While not legally enforceable, these duties play a vital role in strengthening national unity, enhancing civic responsibility, and ensuring social and cultural development. By guiding individuals to act for the collective good, Fundamental Duties contribute to a more just, ethical, and sustainable society.
US President-Elect and the Implications for India	On November 20th, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Science & Humanities of SRM University, Delhi-NCR, organised a special lecture on the topic "US President-Elect and the Implications for India." The guest speaker of the event was Prof. (Dr.) Satish Kumar from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, who shared his expertise on the subject. The lecture began with an introduction by Mr. Deepak Tomar, who welcomed the guest and highlighted the importance of analysing the geopolitical and bilateral implications of the recent US presidential elections. The lecture was attended by students and faculty members to understand how the changing leadership in the United States could impact India.

Some Glimpses of Events

Independence Day & Republic Day



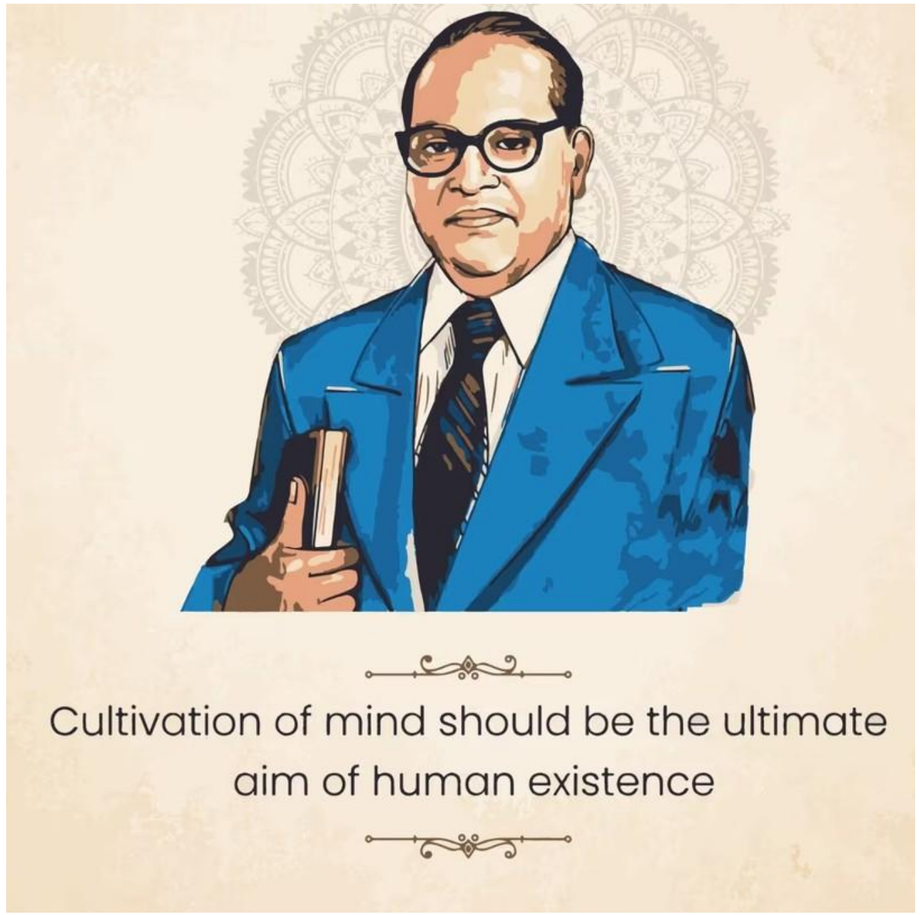


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ABOUT THE EVENT – CONSTITUTIONAL WEEK CELEBRATION:

Constitution Day, or "Samvidhan Divas", is observed on 26th November to honor the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1949. It is a day to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, and constitutional governance. At Faculty of Law SRM Delhi-Ncr we celebrate spirit of constitution by a week long program from 25th to 30th of November. this event is an opportunity for students and faculty alike to engage with the history and spirit of our Constitution and reflect on its continuing relevance in the contemporary legal and societal landscape.

Join us as we celebrate Constitution Day with "Echoes of Legacy", where the past meets the present in a powerful reminder of the values that shape our democratic fabric.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

25TH NOV — Keynote Inaugural Lecture - Guest of the Day: Mr. Anshul Singla (DJS)

26TH NOV — Echoes of Legacy – Recitation of Historic Constituent Assembly Debates, group recitation of preamble & guest lecture subject to confirmation.

27TH NOV — Visit to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Memorial, New Delhi.

28TH NOV — COMPETITIONS
Debate, Quiz, Extempore, Essay writing.

29TH NOV — Round 2, SEMI FINALS

NOV — Prize distribution; Valedictory ceremony

Guest of the Day:
Mr. Anshul Singla (DJS)

25th Nov - DAY 1

Constitutional Remedies in Criminal Law: Access to Justice and the Role of Judicial Review

As part of our Constitution Week celebrations, we are deeply honoured to host Judge Anshul Singla (DJS), Secretary of the Shahdara District Legal Services Authority at Karkardooma Courts, as our distinguished guest speaker. This event underscores our collective commitment to understanding and upholding the principles enshrined in our Constitution.

Judge Anshul Singla will deliver a compelling lecture on the topic, "Constitutional Remedies in Criminal Law: Access to Justice and the Role of Judicial Review." His discourse will highlight the constitutional safeguards designed to protect individual rights within the criminal justice system and the pivotal role of judicial review in ensuring equitable access to justice.

This session aims to shed light on how constitutional remedies empower citizens by addressing injustices that may arise during criminal proceedings, ensuring fairness, and maintaining public confidence in the legal system. Judge Singla’s extensive experience and profound insights into the intersection of constitutional law and criminal justice will make this discussion both enlightening and impactful.

As we commemorate the spirit and legacy of our Constitution, this lecture promises to be a significant contribution to our understanding of how constitutional principles continue to shape and strengthen the rule of law in India.



Echoes of Legacy – Recitation of Historic Constituent Assembly Debates

26th Nov - Day 2

On Constitution Day, we honor the foundational discussions that shaped the Indian Constitution through an engaging event titled "Echoes of Legacy – Recitation of Historic Constituent Assembly Debates". In this unique session, students will bring history to life by reciting landmark debates from the Constituent Assembly. This event will provide participants and attendees an immersive experience into the profound discussions that took place in the Assembly, where the framers of our Constitution deliberated on issues of justice, democracy, and rights that continue to guide our nation today. Through the recitation of key speeches and arguments, the event will highlight the wisdom and vision of leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sardar Patel, among others.

As we delve into these historic debates, the event will serve as a reminder of the principles upon which our Constitution was built, and how those principles continue to resonate in our legal and democratic frameworks. This day will be a tribute to the architects of our Constitution and an inspiring call to uphold the values of justice, equality, and freedom.

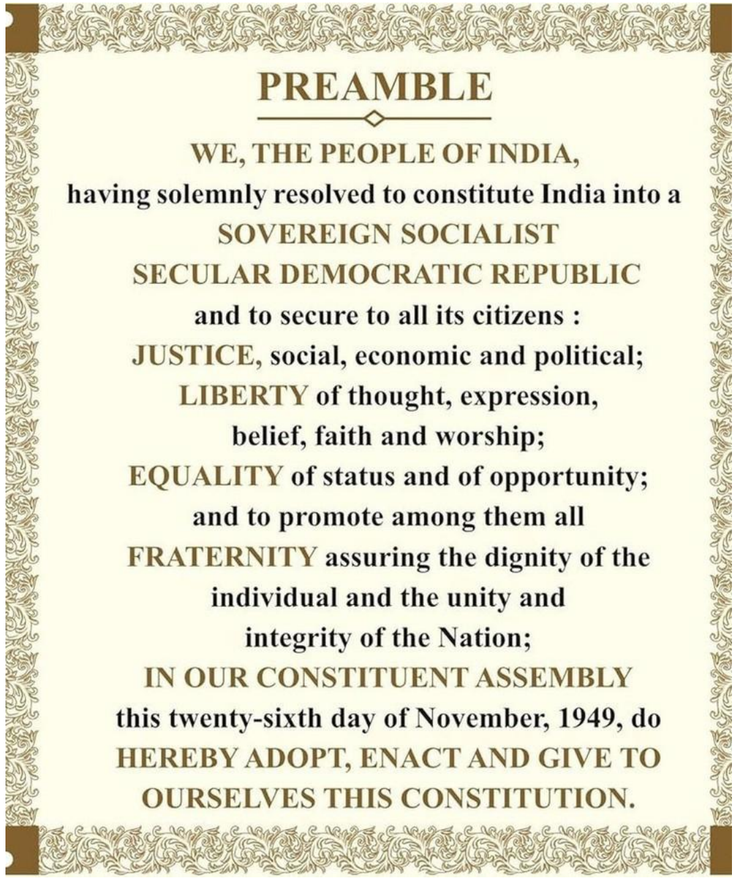


Echoes of Legacy – Group Recitation of Preamble

26th Nov - Day 2

In celebration of India's 75th year of independence, SRM University's Law Department is organizing a group recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of India. This event is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, commemorating the monumental journey of our nation since its independence.

The recitation aims to engage students, faculty, and the university community in reaffirming the core values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution. By collectively reading the Preamble, participants will not only honor the spirit of India's democratic principles but also strengthen their understanding of the fundamental rights and duties that bind us together as citizens.



CHERISHING DR AMBEDKAR’s LEGACY

Visit to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Memorial

27th Nov - DAY 3

On the third day of Constitution Week, we will embark on a historic visit to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Memorial, a place dedicated to the legacy of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

This visit will offer students and faculty a unique opportunity to explore the life and contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, whose tireless efforts in shaping the Constitution laid the foundation for a just and inclusive democratic nation. The Memorial stands as a testament to his vision of social justice, equality, and the empowerment of marginalized communities.

During this visit, participants will gain a deeper understanding of Dr. Ambedkar’s work, the challenges he faced, and his commitment to eradicating social inequality. It will also be an opportunity to reflect on the relevance of his ideals in contemporary India, particularly in relation to the Constitutional values of justice, equality, and fraternity.

This visit promises to be both educational and inspiring, leaving participants with a renewed sense of responsibility to uphold Dr. Ambedkar’s ideals in their own lives and future legal careers.



Guardians of the DRMOCRACY – A Test of Knowledge and Rhetoric

28th Nov - Day 4

Round 1 of several exciting events will unfold, providing participants the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills related to constitutional principles. The Debate Competition will see teams of two (Proposition and Opposition) engage in dynamic discussions, with participants presenting their arguments for 3 minutes, followed by rebuttals in a 2-minute round. The Extempore Speech will challenge participants to think on their feet, as they draw random topics and present a 5-minute speech, evaluated based on creativity, coherence, and delivery. In the Quiz Competition, teams of up to three members will compete in multiple rounds, testing their knowledge of constitutional history, landmark judgments, and rapid-fire questions on constitutional principles. The Essay Writing Contest will encourage participants to critically engage with constitutional themes through well- researched essays, focusing on originality, depth of analysis, and writing proficiency, with submissions due by the end of the day. This engaging day promises intellectual rigor and provides participants with a platform to demonstrate their understanding of India's legal framework, their oratory and writing abilities, and their quick-thinking skills.



Debate Competition

The Debate Competition is a dynamic event that challenges participants to engage with constitutional principles through structured argumentation and critical thinking. In this event, teams will consist of two participants—one representing the Proposition and the other representing the Opposition. Each team will debate a constitutional topic, defending their stance while addressing opposing arguments, demonstrating the importance of both preparation and adaptability.

Topic Selection

Round 1 topics will be given prior. At the start of the event, participants will draw topics randomly through a chit system. This random draw ensures fairness and tests participants' ability to quickly form arguments on a variety of constitutional themes, be it on fundamental rights, judicial review, or the balance of power between the branches of government. The spontaneity of topic selection adds an element of challenge and excitement to the event.

Judging Criteria

The debate will be judged based on three primary criteria: Content Relevance, Argumentation, and Presentation.

- Content Relevance: The judges will evaluate how well participants adhere to core constitutional principles and the accuracy of legal references in their arguments. Speeches should align with established constitutional norms, drawing on relevant case laws and legal texts.
- Argumentation: The strength of the team's arguments will be assessed based on the logical flow of ideas, the effective use of evidence, and the strength of counter-arguments. Strong debaters must not only present compelling arguments but also respond effectively to the points made by the opposing side.
- Presentation: Presentation is key in a debate. Judges will look at the speaker’s confidence, clarity of expression, and their ability to engage the audience through effective body language and tone. A well-delivered speech will captivate the audience and judges alike, making the difference between a winning and losing argument.

Time Allotment

Each speaker will be allotted a maximum of 3 minutes to present their stance on the topic. This time limit encourages concise and impactful delivery, forcing participants to articulate their arguments clearly within a short period.

After the initial speeches, a Rebuttal Round will take place. During this round, each team will have 2 minutes to respond to the key arguments made by the opposing team. The rebuttal phase is crucial for highlighting flaws in the opponent’s arguments and reinforcing the strength of their own position. Effective rebuttals are key to swaying the judges and potentially turning the tide in the team’s favor.

Registration

• Participants must pre-register using the provided link/form.

• Late entries will not be entertained.



Extempore Speech Challenge



The Extempore Speech Challenge offers participants an exciting opportunity to showcase their spontaneous speaking abilities while engaging with key constitutional themes. In this dynamic competition, participants will be required to deliver a 5-minute impromptu speech on a randomly drawn topic related to the Constitution, justice, or societal issues, making it an excellent test of their critical thinking and rhetorical skills.

Topic selection- Round 1 topics will be given prior. Participants will draw topics randomly just before their turn, ensuring a fair and unbiased selection. This unique format tests their ability to think on their feet, adapt quickly to unexpected themes, and formulate a structured and coherent speech under time pressure.

Speech Duration- Each participant will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present their speech. The time limit encourages concise delivery, while allowing participants to articulate their thoughts clearly and persuasively within a set framework.

Judging Criteria-The speeches will be evaluated based on the following criteria :

Creativity and Originality- The judges will look for fresh perspectives and innovative ideas. Participants should aim to present a unique take on the topic, offering insights that demonstrate both depth and creativity. The originality of the thought process will be key in making their speech stand out from the rest.

Coherence of Arguments

A well-organized speech is essential for clear communication. Participants will be judged on their ability to structure their arguments logically, ensuring that their points are clearly connected and follow a natural flow. Clarity of thought and logical consistency will be highly valued, as the speech should be easy for the audience to follow and understand.

Delivery and Engagement

Effective delivery is as important as the content of the speech. Participants will be assessed on their tone of voice, body language, and eye contact. The ability to project confidence and engage the audience is critical. Speakers should aim to captivate their listeners by maintaining interest throughout the speech, using dynamic expressions, and modulating their voice to emphasize key points. The overall impact of the presentation will be a key factor in the judging process.

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Quiz Competition



The Quiz Competition is designed to test participants' knowledge of constitutional law, its historical foundations, and the landmark judgments and amendments that have shaped India's legal system. Teams of up to three members each will compete across multiple rounds, engaging in a battle of wits and quick thinking. This competition will require a deep understanding of the Indian Constitution and its application in real-world legal scenarios.

Team Structure

Each team will consist of up to three members, allowing participants to combine their individual expertise and work together to answer questions efficiently. Teamwork will be key in this competition, as each member brings a unique perspective, and collaboration will ensure that the team is well-prepared for the varied rounds of the quiz.

Competition Rounds

The quiz will unfold in three rounds, each designed to test participants on different aspects of constitutional knowledge. The Preliminary Round will cover general knowledge of constitutional law and history. Participants will answer questions related to the Constitution's origins, its framers, and the key elements that structure India's legal and political system. This round will assess participants' overall familiarity with constitutional principles and their historical context.

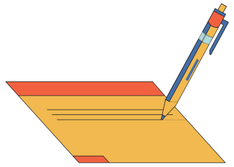
The final leg of the competition will be the Rapid-Fire Round, where teams will face rapid-fire questions on various constitutional principles. In this fast-paced round, the focus will be on speed and accuracy, requiring participants to quickly recall important provisions of the Constitution, fundamental rights, and the structure of government. The ability to respond quickly while maintaining correctness will be crucial for success.

Judging Criteria

The quiz will be judged based on two main criteria: accuracy and speed. Accuracy will be the foremost consideration, as correct answers are essential to progressing in the competition. Teams must demonstrate a solid understanding of constitutional law, landmark rulings, and historical facts. The second important factor is the time taken to respond. Faster responses will be rewarded, particularly in the Final Round, where the pressure to deliver correct answers quickly will intensify. This round tests not just knowledge, but the ability to think and react under time constraints.

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Essay Writing Contest



The Essay Writing Contest provides participants with the opportunity to delve deeply into constitutional themes, offering them a platform to express their thoughts through structured, analytical writing. Participants will be challenged to explore constitutional issues, examine historical precedents, and articulate their perspectives clearly and persuasively.

Word Limit

The essay should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words. This range allows participants enough space to explore their topic thoroughly while maintaining clarity and focus in their writing. The word limit encourages participants to be concise yet comprehensive in presenting their analysis.

Submission Deadline

Essays must be submitted by the end of the event day. This deadline will ensure that the writing process remains focused and timely, encouraging participants to complete their work in a structured manner while adhering to the constraints of the competition.

Judging Criteria

The essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Originality and Depth of Analysis: Judges will look for essays that present fresh insights and in-depth analysis. The ability to explore constitutional themes from unique angles, backed by critical thinking, will be highly valued. Originality in both approach and argumentation will be a key factor in determining the strength of the essay.
- Adherence to the Theme: It is essential that the essay remains focused on the theme provided for the competition. The content must be relevant and should directly address the constitutional issues outlined in the theme. Essays that stray from the central topic will be penalized.
- Language Proficiency and Structure: Clear, precise, and well-organized writing is crucial. Judges will assess the language proficiency, including grammar, vocabulary, and clarity of expression. Additionally, the essay must be well-structured, with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. A logical flow of ideas, proper use of paragraphs, and smooth transitions will contribute to the overall readability and effectiveness of the essay.

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EXCITEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

This Constitution Week is a celebration of knowledge, debate, and justice. Each day is meticulously designed to be interactive, thought-provoking, and inspiring, encouraging participants to delve into constitutional values and develop a deeper sense of civic responsibility. Join us as we honor the legacy of the Indian Constitution and its guardians, and ignite the flames of justice in the hearts of our students!

ALL THE BEST PARTICIPANTS

TOPICS FOR THE COMPETITION WILL BE RELEASED BY 7PM, 24thNOV!
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VOTER'S DAY PLEDGE

Faculty and Staff of the SRM University, Sonepat Haryana actively and enthusiastically participated in the Pledge Taking Ceremony of Voter's Pledge on 24th January 2025 in compliance with the District Election Office Sonipat having reference to the Letter No. 106/NVD/Elec-2025/1AE 480 dated 23-01-25.
Hon'ble Registrar, Prof. V. Samuel Raj spoke to the faculty and staff about the importance of rights of voters and administered the pledge to faculty and staff.



