

## Report

### **Webinar held on the Occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Constitution Day of India**

Date: 26.11.2020

Time: 12:30 PM -2:30 PM

The Department of Law, Assam University Silchar (AUS) celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup> Constitution Day (National Law Day) on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 by organizing a webinar. The programme began with a welcome address by Ms. Dristirupa Patgiri, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, AUS. There was a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India led by Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar, Dean, School of Legal Studies and Head, Dept. of Law, AUS. The inaugural speech was delivered by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Assam University, Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, who rightly discussed about the Constitution as a guiding light and the importance of being aware of our fundamental duties and not only the fundamental rights. He encouraged the organizers to conduct similar legal awareness programmes in other institutions of the district. His speech was followed by the keynote speech delivered by Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar. She focused on the everlasting spirit of the Constitution and how one must seek to reconcile it with the prevailing reality.

The next speaker of the day was Dr. Deepshikha Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, AUS, who took the audience down memory lane to revisit the 'Role of the Constituent Assembly'. She succinctly highlighted the significance of this first democratic body of the country. Her speech was followed by an elaborate rendition of the core principles of the Preamble by Mr. Bishwajit Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, AUS as he focused on the 'Preamble of the Constitution and Its Ideology'.

The webinar was enriched by the discussion on 'the Drawbacks of Article 370 and Article 35-A' by Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Associate Professor, Dept. of Law, AUS. He insightfully deliberated on the conflicting views regarding the above-mentioned Articles in the Constitution which continue to garner attention and controversy. His speech paved the stage for the next speaker, Mr. Sandeep Kumar Suman, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, AUS who spoke on the 'Constitutional Values in the New Context'. Mr. Suman brought attention to the issues of social media and mob-lynching and articulated their effect on the constitutional values.

After the contributions of all the faculty members of the Department of Law, the dais was graced by the presence of the special guest of the event, Prof. Ali Mehdi, Faculty of Law, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. A distinguished academician and teacher of constitutional law since over 28 years, Prof. Mehdi delivered a lecture spanning from the very inception of the Constituent Assembly till the issues faced today. He deliberated on the significant case-laws that shaped constitutional history of India and how they impact the nation currently.

The webinar ended with the vote of thanks by Ms. Thejani-i Pohen, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Assam University, Silchar.