

Constitution Day- 26 November 2019

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Subject Associations- Department of Political Science, Department of Psychology, B. A. Programme, Faculty of Social Sciences and National Service Scheme (NSS) observed **Constitution Day on 26 November 2019**.

The program began with the reading of Preamble of Indian Constitution. All the students and the faculty members, **including the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Prof N.U. Khan, Head of Department Prof.Furqan Ahmad, Student Advisor Dr. Naved Jamal** assembled in the Ghulistan-e-Ghalib Lawn at 11:00 am where the preamble was read.

The second part of the program consisted of two special lectures delivered by the guest speakers, **Hon'ble Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam**, former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court and **Prof. Velayutham Saravanan**, Director- Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI.

Professor Saravanan spoke on the some of the important Constitutional Provisions enshrined in the Indian Constitution, especially the provisions framed for the weaker sections including the schedule tribes and schedule castes. Prof. Saravanan focused on how the Constitution of India evolved over time and how many new articles and schedules were added. He analysed the trajectory of tribal rights and their recognition within the Constitution.

After **Prof. Saravanan**, **Hon'ble Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam** continued the program with his lecture. Justice Karpaga specifically talked on the contemporary issues and how they can be talked within the framework of Indian Constitution. He tried to look at the Indian Constitution through a humanistic lens, side by side highlighting the importance of law. He also mentioned some of the important articles including Articles **14, 15, 19, 21, 32, 356, 365, 368** which are the bedrock

of Indian Constitution. Moreover Justice Karpaga also analysed briefly the **Basic Structure** of Indian Constitution and the Judgement of Supreme Court in **Kesavananda Bharti case (1973)** and explained its significance.

The lectures were followed by a quick question-answer session in which many students raised questions to both the speakers. The overall event was fantastic and large number of students participated. There were more than 60 students inside **M.N.Meenai Seminar Room**. The department is looking forward to organize many such events in future as well, so the sentiment of national integration could be developed in the students.