

Report With Respect To The Functions Organized In Celebration Of 70 Years Of Enactment And Adoption Of The Constitution Of India

26th January is a day of great significance in the constitutional history, as also the history of contemporary sovereign Indian democratic republic, in that on this day in 1950, the Constitution of India came into force. In recognition of this historical event, 26th January is celebrated every year as the Republic Day. Taking note of the completion of 70 years of adoption of the Constitution on 26 November, 1949 (Constitution Day), a direction vide D.O. No. A2J/Events/02/2014, dated 16 November, 2019 was received from the Secretary, Department of Justice, Government of India that an awareness campaign focused on Citizens' Duties including Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Indian Constitution be observed from 26th November, 2019 to 26th November, 2020. Earlier, vide letter no. 578/VII-Nyaya-7-2019, dated 09 November, 2019, the Principal Secretary, Judicial & LR, Government of Uttar Pradesh has also directed the Institute to include the topic of Fundamental Duties and Laws related thereto in the syllabi of the training programmes at the JTRI. The State Government has also instructed that while 26th November, 2019 be observed and celebrated as Constitution Day, 14th April, 2020 commemorating the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar be observed as 'Samarasta Day'. Further, the important days of national importance, falling within this time period be also marked by special programmes befitting the occasion.

In continuation of the above communication, further vide letter no. 14/VII-Nyaya-7-2019, dated 23 January, 2020, the Principal Secretary, Judicial & LR has informed that photographs of the events organized on the Republic Day this year be posted on the website ***www.doj@gov.in*** of the Department of Justice, Government of India. It has been further directed that information as to the steps taken in compliance, along with the photographs be also provided to the

Parliamentary Affairs Department and Additional Principal Secretary, Secretariat Administration. The latest communication specifically mentions that on the Republic Day and on other occasions a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution be organized.

Taking note of the different instructions as have been received, special sessions and programmes, focused on Fundamental Duties and Preamble to the Constitution have been organized from 24th January to 26th January, 2020.

Starting from the year 2011, 25th January every year has been observed as 'National Voters Day'. This year, on account of the fact that 25th January was falling on Saturday, which is a holiday in many of the State Government Offices, the State Government vide letter no. Sa-54/VII-Nyaya-1-2020, dated 16-01-2020 directed that the National Voter's Day pledge for all the officers/staff/officials be taken on 24 January, 2020. In accordance thereto, all the officers/officials and the judicial officers of the cadre of Civil Judges (Junior Division) undergoing foundation training at the JTRI, assembled in the Auditorium of the Institute and the pledge was administered and taken by all present led by Hon'ble Sri Justice Mahboob Ali, Chairman, JTRI (Photographs annexed).

Further, as a part of the awareness exercise and more importantly with the objective of instilling the importance of Fundamental Duties and Duties as a member of the electoral college, including various legal aspects relating to election, topics were allocated to the trainee officers. The officers, who were divided into different groups, made group wise presentations in a joint session. The topics allocated for the discussion were –

1. Emerging and standing challenges before the Electoral Democracy in India: Ways and means to overcome them;
2. Fundamental Duties under the Constitution and Laws Enacted in it's light: Legal and Moral Significance;

3. What a single vote can change, in Indian scenario, with reference to relevant Law.

Around 15 of the judicial officers made wonderful and insightful presentations.

Further, on the occasion of the Republic Day, post the flag hoisting ceremony a programme was organized in the Auditorium of the Institute. The programme was attended by Hon'ble Sri Justice Mahboob Ali, Chairamn, JTRI; Smt. Saroj Yadav, the Director, JTRI; all the Faculty Members of the Institute; Judicial Officers from various districts; the participating trainee judicial officers and all the staff & officials of the Institute. In observance of the special day, three of the participating trainee judicial officers made presentations on the topic **“Preamble is the Philosophical Key to the Constitution”**. Besides the Hon'ble Chairman, respect Director, faculty members, judicial officers and officials of the Institute also made different presentations and speeches pertaining to the relevance of the Republic Day. At the end of the programme, the Hon'ble Chairman led all present in the joint reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India followed by a pledge/oath declaring the resolve to abide by the Fundamental Duties included under Article 51A (Part IVA) of the Constitution of India. The photographs taken on the occasion are included herein.

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