Constitution Day 2024 Report

IIT Bombay celebrated the 75th Constitution Day on November 26, 2024, commemorating the adoption of India's Constitution in 1949. The celebration reaffirmed IIT Bombay's commitment to upholding the Constitution's values: justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity. The Institute remains dedicated to fostering a brighter future for all Indians.

A number of events were organised by various sections of IIT Bombay honoring the vision of our founding fathers as below:

1. IIT Bombay SC/ ST Welfare Association (MKS):



On November 26, 2024, IIT Bombay celebrated the 7**5th Constitution Day** with great enthusiasm and reverence. The day began with floral tributes to the original photocopy of the Constitution at the Central Library, as well as to the statues of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, located at the Nandan Nilekani Main Building.

Commemorating the occasion, the **IIT Bombay SC/ ST Welfare Association (MKS)** organized an event at the PC Saxena Auditorium. The event commenced with a welcome address by **Mr.**

Bhagwan Pagare, an Executive Member of MKS, followed by the ceremonial lighting of lamps and floral tributes to the photographs of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The attendees then collectively read the Preamble to the Constitution of India, reflecting a shared commitment to the values enshrined in the document.

In his inaugural address, **Prof. Shireesh Kedare,** the Director of IIT Bombay, emphasized the significance of our Constitution. The highlight of the ceremony was the Constitution Day address by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble **Prof. Milind Gawai,** B.S.L, L.L.B, L.L.M, and NET (LAW). He shared valuable insights into the relevance of the Constitution in contemporary society.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by **Mr. Vilas Belekar,** the General Secretary of MKS.

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2. IIT Bombay Buddhist Cultural Association:



On November 26, 2024, the **Buddhist Cultural Association at IIT Bombay** celebrated the 75th Constitution Day with great enthusiasm. The event featured a **Constitution Glory Procession** that took place from the IIT Bombay Main Gate to the statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in the Nandan Nilekani Main Building.

Various organizations, including NASA, MKS, OBC, and the Sthaniya Lokadhikar Samiti, actively participated in organizing the rally successfully. All attendees joined together to recite the Preamble of the Constitution, reaffirming their commitment to its principles.

The event showcased the IIT Bombay community's dedication to the values of the Indian Constitution.

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3. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Powai:



PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Powai, celebrated the 75th Constitution Day with reverence and respect on 26th November, 2024. The ceremony commenced with the Principal garlanding the portrait of Baba Saheb **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar**, the visionary architect of the Indian Constitution, symbolizing tribute and gratitude.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Shukla, a postgraduate teacher of Hindi, while describing the distinctive features of the Indian Constitution, eloquently articulated its inclusive and comprehensive document, embodying the richness of human culture and the diverse values of the nation.

The Principal, **Mr. V.S. Wankhade**, took the opportunity to shed light on the formidable challenges faced during the creation of the Constitution. He recounted the historical journey leading to the formation of the Constituent Assembly, outlining the significant milestones and the various committees that played crucial roles in drafting the nation's founding document. He underscored the essence of the Preamble, inviting everyone to read it aloud and referring to it as the very soul of the Constitution.

In a remarkable display of participation, approximately 1,022 students, accompanied by 54 dedicated teachers and staff, united in reading the Preamble, their voices echoing the core values of democracy and justice.

Adding an artistic touch, enthusiastic Class VIII students presented a visually captivating representation of the importance of fundamental rights and duties. Their creativity resonated with the audience reminding everyone of their rights and responsibilities in a democratic society.

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4. IIT Bombay Campus School:



IIT Bombay Campus School and Junior College celebrated 75th Constitution Day under the able leadership of Principal **Valsala Kumari** on 26th November, 2024. The event began with a special morning assembly emphasizing the significance of the Constitution. Various competitions, including drawing, poster making, spelling bee, quiz and essay writing, were organized throughout the day, focusing on the Preamble.

Students, teachers and staff participated in an oath-taking ceremony, reaffirming their commitment to constitutional values. **Prof. Rahul Suresh Sakpal,** the guest speaker, delivered an insightful talk on citizens' duties and responsibilities, engaging young minds through an interactive session.

The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice Principal **Ms. Geeta Shewde**, and coordination by Primary Incharge **Ms. Ruby Samy**.

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