

Topic :- Overview of Constitution

Date: 27th January 2025

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: IPS Auditorium

**Speaker: Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode, Chair Professor, Bharatratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair,
Director of Audyogik Shikshan Mandal's Institute of Professional Studies.**

Introduction:

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode, Chair Professor, Bharatratna, a distinguished academician. His expertise and engaging address provided students with valuable insights into the evolution, structure, and key features of the Indian Constitution since 75 years' journey.

In an effort to help students understand the significance of the Constitution and its real-world impact, ASM IPS College organized a special educational event titled "Overview of the Constitution". Held on 27th January 2025 in the IPS Auditorium, this program aimed to enlighten young minds about the relevance of the Constitution in today's socio-political context.

The Constitution of India is more than just a legal document — it is the soul of the world's largest democracy. It lays down the fundamental principles, values, and framework that guide the governance of our country. Adopted on 26th November 1949 and coming into effect on 26th January 1950, the Constitution represents the hopes, dreams, and vision of the founding fathers of the nation. It embodies the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, and ensures that every citizen is treated with dignity and respect.

Objective:

- To educate students about the history and structure of the Indian Constitution.
- To highlight the significance of fundamental rights and duties.
- To promote awareness about democratic values and responsibilities as citizens
- To honor the vision of the framers of the Constitution, especially Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- To inspire students to become responsible and informed citizens.

Report:

The event commenced with a warm welcome by the host, followed by a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony. The audience was then introduced to the special guest, Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode, a renowned academician. His presence greatly enriched the occasion.

Dr. Bokephode delivered a powerful and enlightening keynote address, The Constitution of India is the longest written constitution in the world, a remarkable document that defines the political principles, establishes the structure of the government, and guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms to all citizens. It is a blend of the best features from many world constitutions, carefully adapted to suit India's unique social, cultural, and historical context.

The Indian Constitution was drafted by the Constituent Assembly, which was formed in 1946 and had 389 members, later reduced to 299 after partition. It took 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days to complete the drafting of the Constitution.

Drafted under the visionary leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Indian Constitution is the longest written constitution in the world. But it is not just lengthy — it is living, breathing, and evolving. And over the past 75 years, it has grown with the country — reflecting its challenges, dreams, and transformations. The Constitution is not just a set of rules — it is a living document that continues to guide and protect our democracy. As responsible citizens and future leaders, it is essential for students to understand the power and purpose of the Constitution. Through this program, ASM IPS College took a meaningful step towards encouraging civic awareness, national pride, and democratic engagement among the youth.

offering deep insights into the making of the Indian Constitution, its Preamble, key features, and the role it plays in shaping India's democracy. He emphasized the importance of upholding constitutional values and how the Constitution safeguards the rights of all citizens while also outlining their duties.

The Guardian: Our judiciary has played a crucial role in interpreting the Constitution. Through landmark judgments like Kesavananda Bharati case (1973) which introduced the Basic Structure Doctrine, the judiciary has ensured that the core values of the Constitution remain untouched.

The Constitution has been the guiding force in uplifting marginalized communities — through reservations, affirmative action, and welfare schemes. Though the journey is still ongoing, the Constitution remains the beacon of hope for millions seeking equality

He outlined the key features of the Constitution:

- The Preamble, which declares India a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic.

- The structure including Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, and Fundamental Duties.
- The federal system with a strong central government.
- An independent judiciary that acts as the guardian of the Constitution.
- The importance of constitutional amendments and the evolving nature of the document.

The session ended with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of Dr. Bokephode, the organizing team, faculty, and students. The program concluded with the National Anthem, bringing the gathering to a respectful close.

Outcomes:

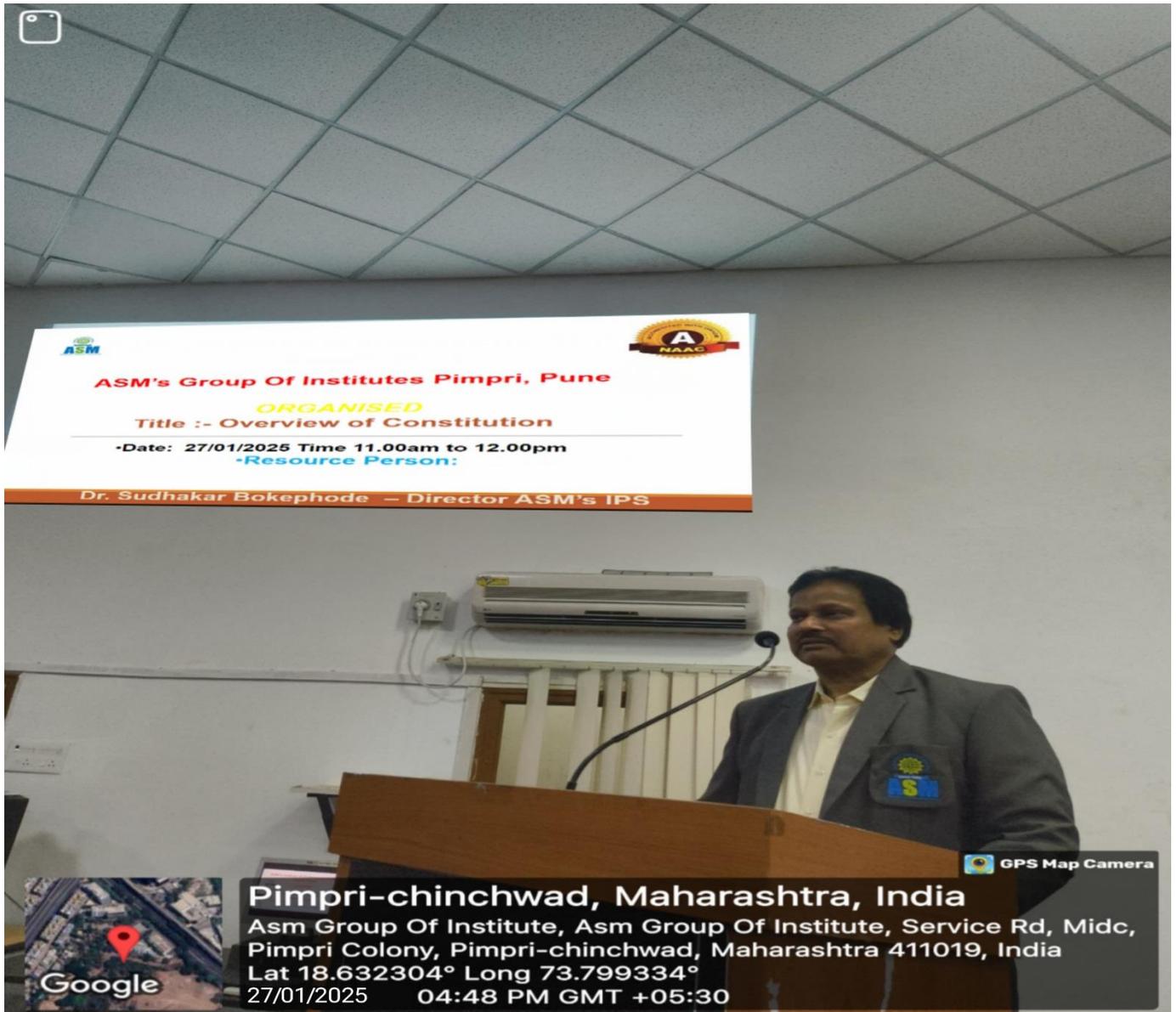
- Students developed a deeper understanding of the Indian Constitution and its features.
- The event promoted civic awareness and encouraged active participation in democratic life.
- The speech by Dr. Bokephode inspired students to reflect on their rights and duties as responsible citizens.
- The interactive format kept students engaged and made learning enjoyable.
- The event successfully honored the spirit of the Constitution and its timeless relevance.



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