

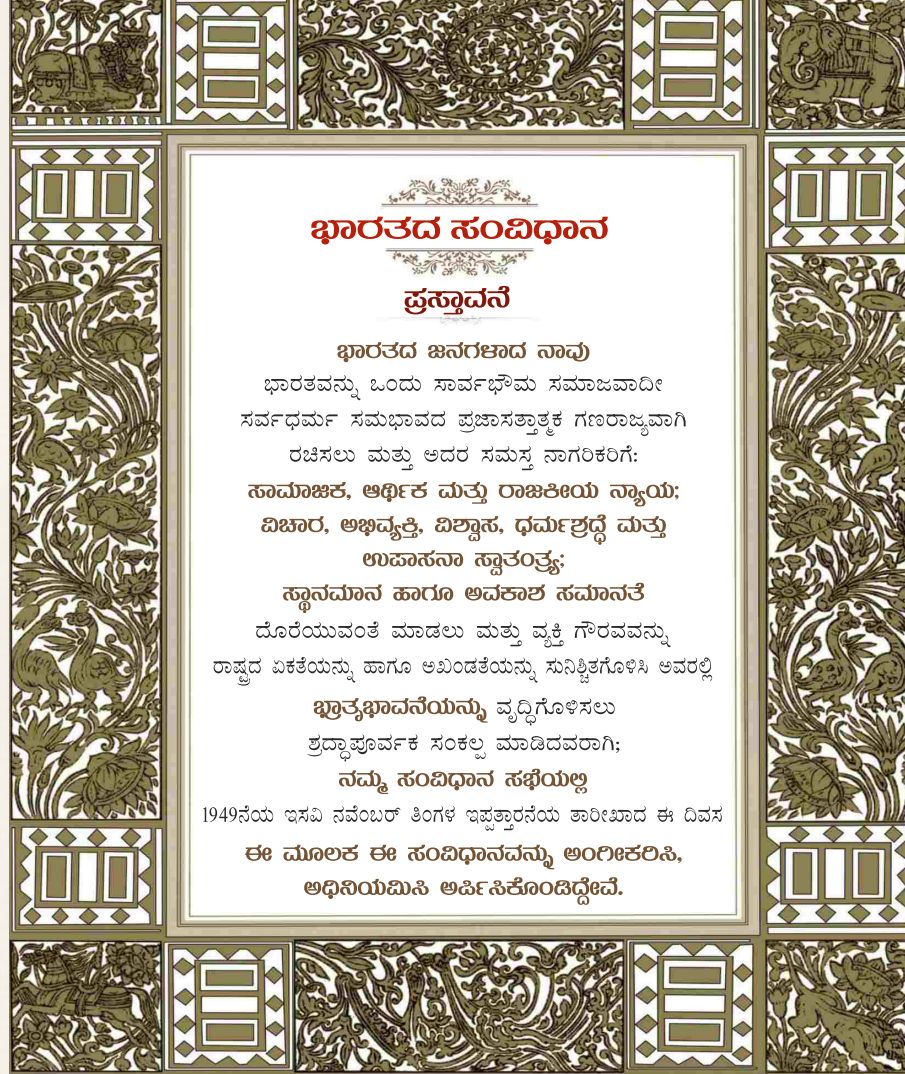


**Constitution &
National Unity
Convention '24**

February 24th and 25th, 2024

Palace Grounds, Bengaluru

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THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA & NATIONAL UNITY CONVENTION 2024

The Government of Karnataka is organising The Constitution and National Unity Convention 2024 to commemorate the 75th year since the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Convention reaffirms our commitment to the constitutional values and enables us to find our true identity as a nation. The objective of the Convention is not only to spread awareness about the Constitution but also to assure our citizens that the principles of our Constitution is paramount and matters to us in all the realms of life and governance. The Convention comprises of The Constitution Awareness Jatha (Campaign), The Constitution Conference and Expo and the Constitution Awareness Mega Event.

Constitution Awareness Campaign

- The Constitution Awareness Jatha was launched on 26th January 2024 simultaneously in all 31 districts of Karnataka by the respective District-In-Charge Ministers under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- As a part of the Jatha, Awareness processions were carried out with tableaux, skits, short films, speeches and cultural performances relating to crucial themes related to - The Constituent Assembly, The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Social Economic and Political Justice and other constitutional values; the teachings of Basavanna and various other social reformers.
- The tableaux and the creative performances also aimed at engaging in cultural dialogues which portrays the rich heritage of Karnataka.



- The Jatha was carried out in both urban and rural areas and involved various stakeholders. It shall continue in the days to come. Alongside spreading awareness on the Constitution and India's unity and diversity, the Jatha is also a platform for the policy-makers, government officials and the civic society to come together to celebrate the progress we have made until now and also work ahead towards a shared common goal.



The Constitution Conference and Expo

- The Conference, envisions to critically reflect upon themes related to Constitutional Law and Justice; and more particularly upon India's governance structure and its implications, division of power and independency of constitutional institutions, welfare state and affirmative action.
- It encourages a wide inter-disciplinary engagement among some of the foremost academics, activists, professionals, community leaders and policymakers to strategize and programmatically collaborate in upholding the rule of law, protecting rights and freedoms, and strengthening India's constitutional and institutional edifice.
- While the conference seeks to also address issues pertaining to unity, language and identity, it also seeks to accommodate regional identities. It identifies the true definition of 'Unity' to be that of being together while still acknowledging the differences.

- The conference is an attempt and our anchor to sail through the present challenges of economic inequalities, social exclusion and other governance challenges. We thus look forward to rethink about these challenging paradigms; propose innovative ideas to redress structural problems in India and the world and forge constructive synergies to collectively work towards honoring the

The themes and the panels for the Plenary Sessions are curated by National Law School of India University, (NLSIU) Bengaluru, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, Karnataka State Law University (KSLU) Hubli and Ambedkar Research Institute (ARI), Bengaluru.

Theme 1: 75th Year of India's Constitution

- Theme I of the 'Constitution and National Unity' Conference aims to recognize and celebrate the strides made in achieving the transformative goals of the Constitution while simultaneously addressing the contemporary challenges that persist.
- It will unfold through five panels, each dedicated to addressing a specific strand of Indian constitutionalism. These include: Constitutionalism and Democracy in the 21st Century; Ensuring Equality and Equity; Reaffirming India's Federal Design; Institutional Safeguards for Democracy, and lastly; Forging a Constitutional Culture & Consciousness.
- The speakers feature a vibrant group of academics, policy-makers and members of civil society. They will engage in generative discussion and debate, drawing from their research expertise and experience in government and civil society. By revisiting India's constitutional founding as a reference point, the panels in Theme 1 will navigate the complexities of our present and reimagine our constitutional future.

Theme 2: Constitution, Welfare and Development

- The theme is spread over five different panels. The first panel seeks to emphasize upon income and wealth distribution, employment opportunities, educational sector and addresses both the public and private sectors.
- The second panel seeks to review the important aspects of Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Citizenship. It invites discussions on Dr. Ambedkar, uniform civil code, co-operative federalism and reorganization of states.

- The third panel shall engage in discourses relating to Social and Economic Justice and explore means and strategies to improve social equity, health and nutrition and civic amenities.
- The fourth panel dives into exploring the intricacies about income and the potential of Universal Basic Income to reduce wealth and income inequality in India.
- The final panel looks forward to map out and discuss the policies formulated by the government to overcome economic backwardness of SCs/STs/OBCs/women and Minorities.

Theme 3: Developmental Paradigms in Karnataka

- The first panel will focus on the contours of development and progress in the light of constitutional directives. The intricate web of developmental dimensions of our constitution with special focus on Karnataka shall be the prime dialogue. It shall engage in discussions on land ownership, affirmative action with reference to employment in the state.
- The Panel-II focuses on the state's affirmative policy of Schedule Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the welfare of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes. It shall delve into budget allocations, the impact of these plans and address them as a tool for economic empowerment.
- The Panel III looks forward to carrying out in-detail discussions on the five guarantees rolled out by the incumbent Government of Karnataka and the Universal Basic Income as a policy measure to overcome the income inequality, reduce cost of living due to inflation, provide subsistence and empower women. The discussions will provide a nuanced understanding of the policies and their implications for ensuring citizens' well-being.
- Panel IV will address the welfare of backward classes and minorities, and also seeks to improve the conditions of the OBCs, minority communities and women, paving the way for inclusive policy frameworks along with the need for economic and caste census.
- The Panel V will shed light on the foot prints of Social Justice in Karnataka, emphasizing on the role of social reformers and visionary kings and leaders in shaping the state's socio-cultural landscape. The session will also discuss social movements related to Castes and Dalit rights in Karnataka.

Theme 4: Democracy and Inclusive Karnataka

- The Panel-I aims at engaging in discussions that look towards bridging the gaps in the federal system and addressing the North-South divide in the light of fiscal federalism and administration of Independent constitutional institutions.
- The linguistic dimensions and its inter-play with the federal structure is the prime focus of Panel-II. It shall also hold discussions on multi-lingual and multi-cultural diversities and preservation of these distinctions amidst the debates of having a homogenous linguistic identity.
- The Panel-III addresses the subaltern cultures in the mainstream India. It seeks to redress the challenges faced by communities which are often deprived of socio-political rights and basic needs like food, water etc. This discussion also integrates itself with the principles embedded in our Preamble.
- The Panel IV focuses on Democracy and Ballot. In a democracy, the responsibility and right of every individual and the nation has to be built through the system of voting. There are still many challenging issues like feudal mentality, illiteracy, ignorance, casteism, religious differences in India. The importance of voting ought to be discussed in the light of these factors. The role of every individual in creating awareness to strengthen democracy is hence significant.
- The objective of Panel V is to reiterate the role of youth in Nation Building. It opens up a forum for discussion on the role of youth in nation building and in ensuring the integrity of the country.

24th February, 2024

	Seminar Hall 1	Seminar Hall 2	Seminar Hall 3	Seminar Hall 4
	Theme 1: 75th Year of India's Constitution.	Theme 2: Constitution, Welfare and Development	Theme 3: Developmental Paradigms in Karnataka	Theme 4: Democracy and Inclusive Karnataka
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Constitutionalism and Democracy in the 21st Century Prof. Gopal Guru Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy Prof. Tarunabh Khaitan Prof. Nandini Sundar	Constitutional Promises and India's Development in 75 years Prof. M.V Rajeew Gowda Prof. Jayati Ghosh Sri. Anurag Behar Prof. Himanshu Prof. Surinder Singh Jodhka	Constitutional Directives: Development and Progress in Karnataka Prof. T.R Chandrashekhar Prof. M Chandra Poojary Prof. S T Bagalkoti Dr. R Niranjana	Bridging the Gap in Federal System Sri. Salil Shetty Dr. Arvind Mayaram Sri. V.L Narasimhamurthy Sri Guruprasad D.N Sri Harshakumar Kugve Sri. Mavalli Shankar
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Ensuring Equality and Equity Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat Ms. Jayna Kothari Prof. Sanjay Jain Prof. Rochana Bajpai Prof. Meena Dhandha	Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Citizenship Ms. Medha Patkar Sri. Siddharth Varadarajan Sri Sanjay R Hegde Prof. C. Basavaraju	Karnataka SCSP and TSP Act Dr. E Venkataiah Sri. N C Muniyappa Dr. K M Metry Prof. Krishna Raj	Linguistic Dimensions of Federalism Dr. V. Bhagyalakshmi Dr. Ganesh Narayandas Devy Sri. P. Wilson Sri. K.P Lakshman Ms. Manjula Malagi Ms. Pallavi G
5:00 pm to 6:00pm	Reaffirming India's Federal Design Dr. Govinda Rao Prof. Kham Khan Suan Hausing Prof. Ashutosh Varshney Ms. Yamini Aiyar	Social and Economic Justice Sri. Salman Khurshid Prof. S Madheswaran Sri. Nikhil Dey Ms. Beena Pallical Prof. Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd	Guarantees of Government of Karnataka and Universal Basic Income Sri. C. S Dwarkanath Sri. H.M Rudraswami Prof. A Narayana Prof. Mallika Ghanti Prof. Sapna S	Subaltern Culture and Media Sri. Indudhara Honnapura Dr. Ashwini K.P Dr. Suraj Milind Yengde Prof. Chidanandha Reddy S Patil Rumi Harish Sri. Anantha Naik N

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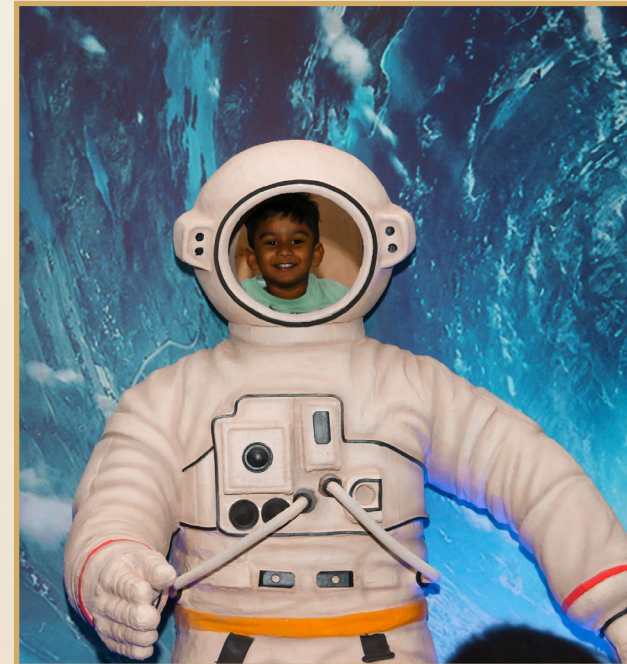
9:30 am to 11:00 am	Institutional Safeguards for Democracy Dr. S Y Quraishi Prof. Arun Thiruvengadam Dr. Aparna Chandra Dr. E Sridharan	Income Inequality and Universal Basic Income Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat Prof. Santosh Mehrotra Sri. Harsh Mander Prof. Krishna Raj Prof. Babu Mathew	Backward Classes and Minorities Dr. Veerappa Moily Sri K.N Lingappa Prof Muzaffar Assadi Sri Dinesh Aminmattu Ms. Du Sarasvati	Democracy and Ballot Sri. Prashanth Bhushan Sri M G Devasahayam Prof. Ajay Gudavarthy Dr Arun Jolada Kudligi Sri. B. Gopal Ms. Manjula Telgade
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Forging a Constitutional Culture and Consciousness Dr. John Brittas Prof. Shruti Kapila Prof. G Mohan Gopal Sri. Anurag Bhaskar Sri. Bezwada Wilson	Affirmative Action for Backward Classes and Minorities Sri. K Raju Sri. Jignesh Mevani Dr. Amit Thorat Ms. Seema Chishti Prof. Vinoj Abraham	Footprints of Social Justice in Karnataka Prof S G Siddaramaiah Dr. Shashikant R Pattan Prof. L N Mukundraj Prof. Purushothama Bilimale Prof. Chinnaswamy Sosale	Youth, Employment and Nation Building Sri Pushparaj Deshpande Sri Sashikanth Senthil Ms. Ruchira Chaturvedi Prof. Nawal Kishore Dr. Nir Tsuk Sri Vikas R Mourya

The Expo

The Unity Expo, which is anchored by Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, proudly presents an annual exhibition tailored for the bright young minds of classes 6th to 12th. Aimed at fostering scientific temper and instilling the values of democracy and the constitution, this unique event serves as a platform for over 2 Lakh children studying in educational institutions across the State.

This year's exhibition, themed around the Constitution and key aspects of democracy, features more than 100 projects from students across the state. The event not only showcases the diverse talents of our students but also reinforces the principles of social and economic justice, affirmative actions, and the spirit of Unity in Diversity, Equality, and Fraternity that bind our diverse nation together.

The key theme celebrates the architect of our Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his vision for a just and inclusive society.



Constitution Awareness Mega Event

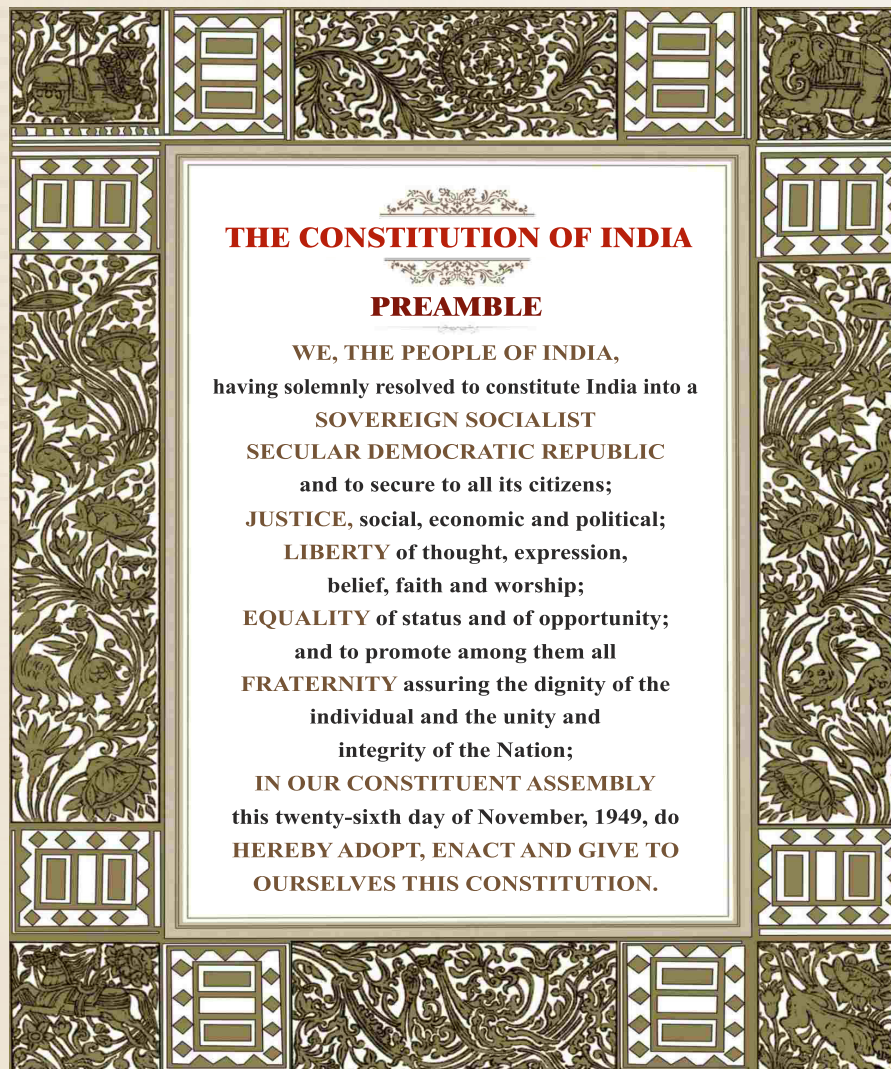
The Conference culminates into a mega event bringing together lakhs of people from across Karnataka, from all the walks of life, including elected representatives from Gram Panchayats. It shall be held on 25th February 2024, at 3:00 pm, Palace Grounds, Bengaluru. It is aimed at mass educating of people about their rights, duties and principles of the Constitution of India. It emphasises on the importance of civic engagement in upholding the constitutional values.



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hereby pledge that we will abide by the preamble
in our work and life with utmost sincerity”**





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