

GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Visakhapatnam.



Samvaad

Launching of Webpage and Inaugural Lecture:

Constitution and Democracy in India

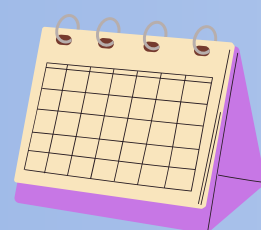


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Date

**24 January, 2024
(Wednesday).**



Time

3.30. - 5 P.M.



Venue

**Sandesh Sabha (Room No 309), GSHSS, GITAM,
Visakhapatnam.**



Tea

3 - 3.30 P.M.

Seventy-four years ago, India embarked upon its historic journey as a republic when the members of the Constituent Assembly approved and signed the Constitution. The people of India constituted themselves into a democratic republic to secure justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all its citizens. The idea of a republic is a form of governance in which citizens take an active part in public affairs and rule themselves through their elected representatives. For India in 1949, a nation so vast and culturally diverse with a huge population who were illiterate and poor, just attained freedom from the oppressive colonial rule, it was a bold and unprecedented experiment in republicanism. The experiment has been a success, although it had to negotiate many challenges in these seven and half decades. While we celebrate India's republic as it becomes more democratic, inclusive, and economically developed, there are concerns about growing income disparities and democratic backsliding. The Republic Day is an occasion to reflect on the path of democracy the nation has trodden so far, the successes and strengths of its people, and the challenges we face.