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Panel Discussion

To Commemorate the 76th Constitution Day 2025

Theme: The Constitution and India's Journey Towards Inclusive Development

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), is proud to commemorate the 76th Constitution Day by hosting a special Panel Discussion on 16th December 2025 at the Symbiosis Ishanya Auditorium. This year's theme, "The Constitution and India's Journey Towards Inclusive Development", reflects the evolving constitutional vision of equity, growth, participation, and social transformation that continues to shape India's democratic trajectory.

The event is expected to witness participation from over 500 attendees, including students, researchers, and faculty members, making it a vibrant forum for academic and constitutional discourse.

Constitution Day at SLS Pune is celebrated annually to reinvigorate constitutional values among students, scholars, and practitioners. Guided by the principles of care, courage, competence, and collaboration, the event serves as a platform to engage with contemporary constitutional debates and strengthen civic consciousness within the academic community.

The 2025 edition brings together eminent jurists, scholars, and practitioners, who will critically discuss India's progress towards inclusive development through the lens of constitutionalism, governance, and social justice. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur**, *Fulbright Scholar*, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU; JM Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP co-funded by the EU); and Principal Investigator, SPARC Project. Under her leadership, constitutional discourse at SLS Pune is enriched by interdisciplinary approaches and global academic collaborations.

The distinguished panel includes **Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi**, Former Judge, Bombay High Court, known for her extensive contributions to gender justice, human rights, and progressive jurisprudence; **Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Chakrabarti**, Former Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), a prominent voice in criminal justice and constitutional governance; **Dr. Vijay Pratap Tiwari**, Professor of Law at MNLU Nagpur, whose scholarship spans constitutional theory, public law, and legal philosophy; **Mr. Swapnil Tripathi**, Lead at Charkha (Centre for Constitutional Law) at Vidhi, and an influential contributor to contemporary constitutional debates, especially on civil liberties and institutional accountability.

The panel discussion will provide rich insights into India's constitutional evolution, the challenges of inclusive development, and pathways to ensuring that constitutional promises translate into lived realities for all citizens.

The session will be followed by an interactive Q&A, encouraging students and participants to engage directly with the panellists. Through this event, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, reaffirms its commitment to fostering informed constitutional dialogue and nurturing the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers dedicated to India's democratic and developmental journey.