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Central University of Odisha Organises a Webinar on 'Indian Constitutional Dynamics: Seven Decades of Ensuring Equality and Justice'

The Central University of Odisha has organized a National Webinar on 'Indian Constitutional Dynamics: Seven Decades of Ensuring Equality and Justice', as part of the Constitutional Day Celebrations that would culminate on November 26 2020. The Eminent Constitutional and Legal Experts Justice Ananga Kumar Patnaik, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Prof. R. Venkata Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore were the Panellists sharing their profound insights.

Justice Patnaik touched upon the key constituents of the Constitutional Provisions with emphasis on Fundamental Rights and Duties that surround the principles and practices of Equality and Justice. Justice Patnaik was of the view that the Constitution is the fundamental basis of our vibrant democracy. He said our Constitution is flexible enough to adapt to the changing social structure and political processes. Appreciating Article 15 and 19 of the Constitution of India which encourage and empower the SCs and STs, Justice Patnaik was hopeful that there will be greater equality with social justice for the downtrodden communities in the country.

Prof. Venkata Rao was of the view that the Constitution of India espouses 'upliftment of the countrymen' just as a multistoried building represents a multilayered growth with the preamble as the staircase in place of steps or escalators. Quoting Nelson Mandela, Prof. Rao said that the Indian Constitution is the best Constitution in the World. It is a Common Man's Paradise and not a Lawyer's Paradise. In fact, the Preamble starts with the expression that 'We The People of India'. It is this emphasis and clarity that has laid a strong democratic foundation for the growth and development of India. Prof. Rao has developed a capsule course with the help of UGC on 'Constitutional Provisions and Legal Dispensation' for offering it to the students of Colleges and Universities so that there is a greater appreciation of Indian Constitution. He concluded that Academic Excellence is a disaster, if it is not accompanied by Human Excellence.

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