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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES- POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Humanities (Political Science) is organizing a 'Guest Lecture by Prof MJ Vinod', a one-day event at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce on 25th August 2025. As part of this initiative, 1st, 2nd and 3rd year BA and 1st year BCA students will be given lecture on two topics:
a. Comparative Discourse Analysis of India and the United States Constitutions and b. Identity Politics in India: Implications on its various dimensions.

This activity aims to provide an understanding on the working structure of Comparative Governments as well as delve into the nuances of Indian Polity and its contemporary issues.

Event Coordinator: **Dr. Lakshmi Karlekar**

Date: **25 August 2025**

Venue: **M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce**

Lakshmi Karlekar

Program

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Report on Guest Lecture by Prof MJ Vinod

Date and Time : 25 August 2025, 11:30 to 1:30 PM

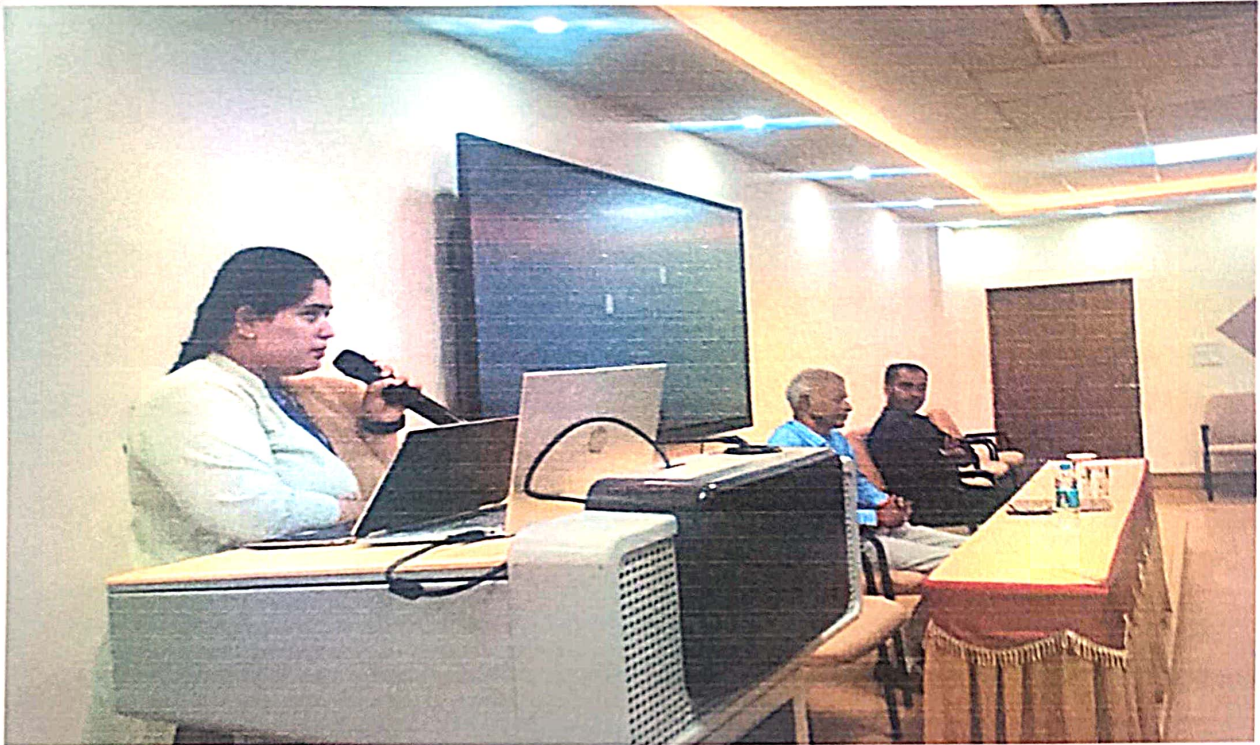
Venue: M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Autonomous

No. of Participants: 85

Event coordinator: Dr. Lakshmi Karlekar

The Department of Humanities organized a guest lecture series in Political Science on 25 August 2025 at Kuvempu Seminar Hall, M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Autonomous, Bengaluru, featuring Dr. M.J. Vinod, Professor at Christ (Deemed to be University) and former Dean of Social Sciences, Bangalore University.





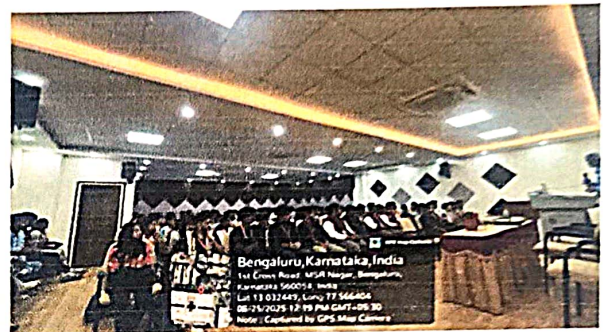
Program Objective

Session A: Comparative Discourse Analysis of India and the United States Constitutions

1. **Understand and articulate** the historical, cultural, and philosophical foundations that shaped the Indian and U.S. Constitutions.
2. **Analyse and compare** the language and discourse used in the Preambles, Fundamental Rights (India) vs. Bill of Rights (U.S.), and key structural provisions.
3. **Identify how constitutional discourse** reflects broader national ideologies such as secularism, federalism, and individual rights in both nations.
4. **Critically evaluate** how constitutional narratives influence contemporary political debates and legal interpretations in India and the U.S.
5. **Engage in comparative discourse analysis** using select excerpts to practice close reading and contextual interpretation.

Session B: Identity Politics in India: Implications on its Various Dimensions

1. **Define and contextualize** identity politics in the Indian socio-political landscape, including caste, religion, language, and region.
2. **Examine the historical evolution** of identity-based movements and their impact on political representation and public policy.
3. **Analyse the implications** of identity politics on democratic participation, social cohesion, and institutional integrity.
4. **Critically assess** how identity politics influences electoral outcomes, policy priorities, and inter-group dynamics in India.
5. **Engage in reflective discussion** on whether identity politics empowers marginalized communities or perpetuates social divisions.

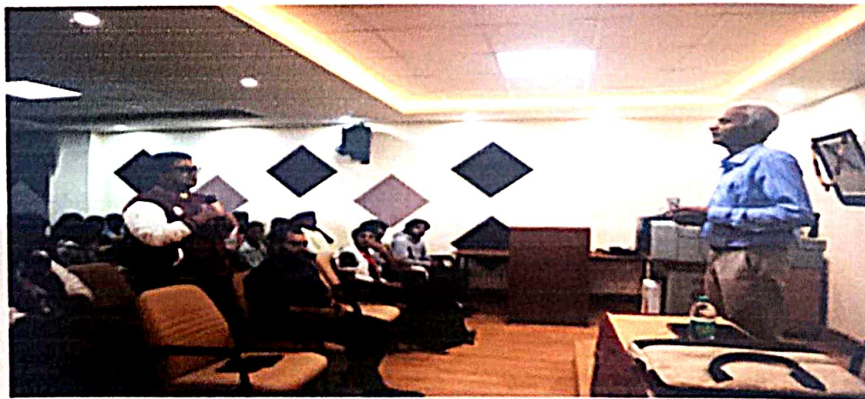
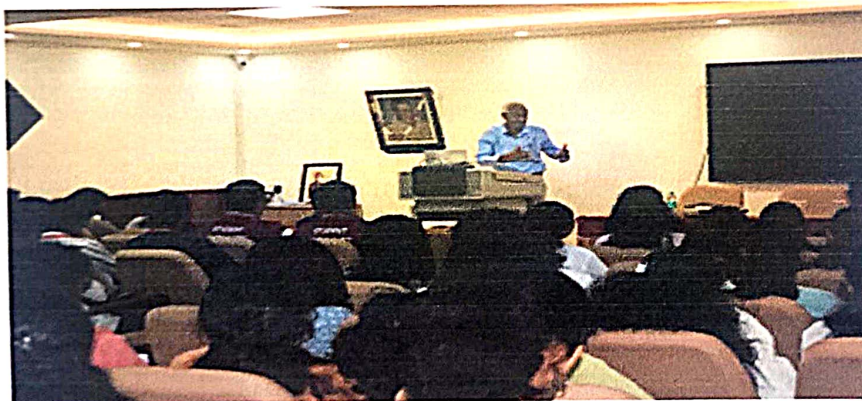


The two-hour session (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), engaged students and faculty with critical insights on the comparative discourse of the Indian and American Constitutions and the dynamics of identity politics in India. The objective of the lecture was to broaden student's perspectives on constitutional frameworks and their socio-political implications. Introducing the session, Dr. Lakshmi Karlekar, Programme Coordinator, highlighted the importance of initiatives as part of course syllabus, aiming to connect classroom learning with larger global political discourses. The event was graced by Principal, Dr. Pushpa H. And Vice-Principal Prof. Jayarama B.S. The chief guest was felicitated by Dr. Ganesh Naik, Head of the Department with a sapling. Dr. Vinod's lecture was divided into two segments.

The first explored the comparative aspects of the Indian and American Constitutions, covering themes such as federalism, checks and balances, judicial interventions, and the adaptability of constitutional frameworks. He traced philosophical roots in Locke and Montesquieu, touched on Trump-era executive orders, and examined Indian constitutional flexibility through landmark amendments. "A Constitution is an organic entity," Dr. Vinod remarked, emphasizing the living, evolving nature of constitutional law.

The second session addressed identity politics in India, focusing on language, caste, and religion as central markers of mobilization. Dr. Vinod explained how linguistic reorganization of states gave rise to regional parties, while caste and religion shaped electoral narratives and policy outcomes. Drawing on global parallels, he argued that identity politics remains both a challenge and a strength in sustaining India's democracy. "Religion is a very critical marker of Indian politics," he noted, underlining its dual role as a force of cohesion and conflict.

The interactive Q&A sessions reflected strong engagement, with participants and faculties raising questions on U.S.-India Strategic Partnership relations, federalism, and the role of caste in contemporary elections. In conclusion, the guest lecture enriched the academic community by bridging theoretical concepts with practical political realities, equipping students with a nuanced understanding of constitutionalism and identity politics.



Program Outcome

Session A: Comparative Discourse Analysis of India and the United States Constitutions

Participants developed a nuanced understanding of constitutional discourse as a reflection of national identity, values, and political culture by engaging in a comparative analysis of the Indian and United States Constitutions. They were equipped with analytical tools to interpret constitutional texts in their historical and socio-political contexts, fostering critical thinking skills essential for legal, political, and academic analysis. The session also enhanced participants' ability to engage in comparative constitutional studies and evaluate the relevance of constitutional discourse in contemporary democratic governance.

Session B: Identity Politics in India: Implications on its Various Dimensions

Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of identity politics in India, examining its roots, evolution, and impact on democratic processes, social cohesion, and policymaking. The session enabled learners to critically analyse the interplay between social identities and political power, and assess how identity-based mobilizations shape public discourse and governance. By the end, participants were prepared to engage in informed debates and research on the complex dynamics of identity in India's pluralistic society, fostering an inclusive and analytical approach to Political Science.



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on the topics

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AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS

IDENTITY POLITICS IN INDIA:
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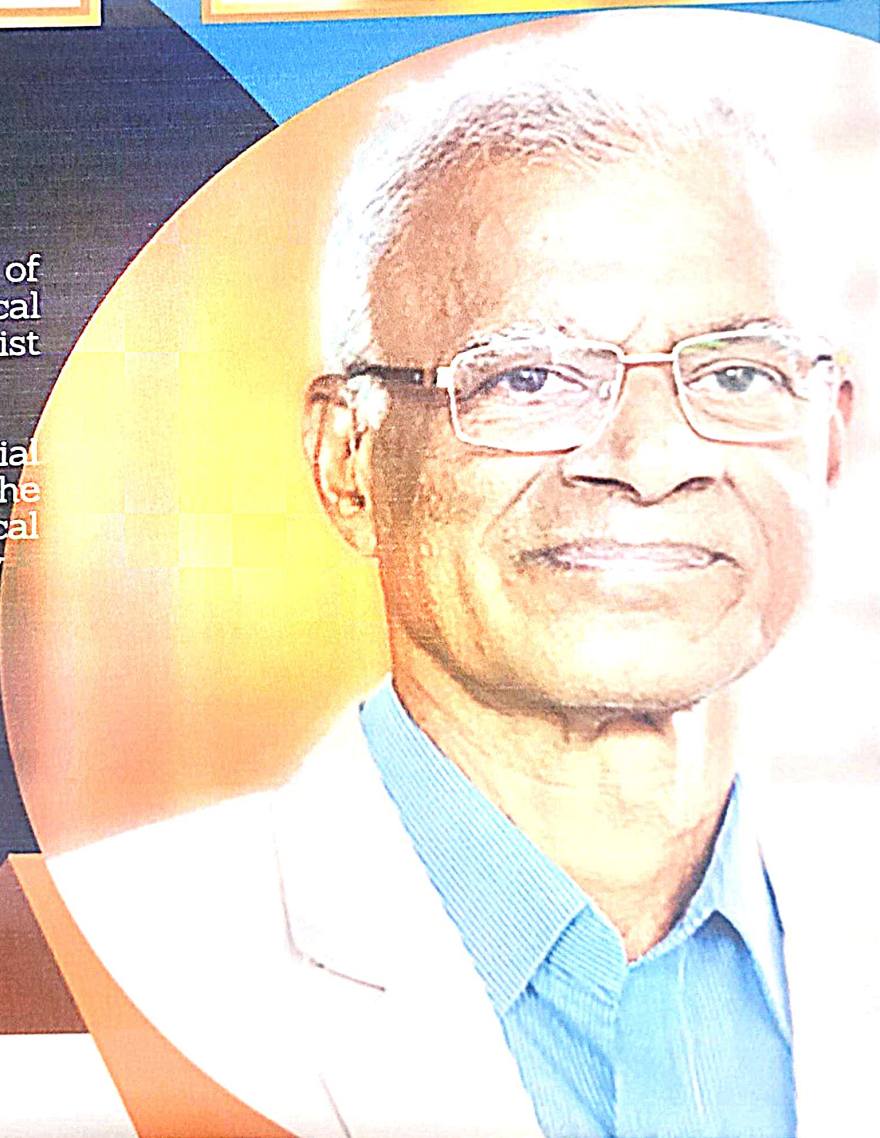
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GUEST LECTURE BY PROF MJ VINOD

25/8/25

ATTENDANCE SHEET

SL NO	CLASS	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	5th Sem BA	S. Sujitha	Sujitha
2.	5th Sem BA	Nithin	Nithin
3.	5th Sem BA	chaitanya	Chaitanya
4.	5th Sem BA	Anshul	Anshul
5.	5th Sem BA	Guru varshan	Guru varshan
6.	5th Sem BA	Nalanda	Nalanda
7.	5th Sem BA	Subhagani	Subhagani
8.	5th Sem BA	Abhijit	Abhijit
9.	5th Sem BA	Divya	Divya
10.	5th Sem BA	Subhashree	Subhashree
11.	5th Sem BA	Abhinav	Abhinav
12.	5th Sem BA	Likitha	Likitha
13.	5th Sem BA	Thomthina	Thomthina
14.	5th Sem BA	Jannat	Jannat
15.	5th Sem BA	Midhun Madhav	Midhun Madhav
16.	5th Sem BA	Daya	Daya
17.	5th Sem BA	Niranjana	Niranjana
18.	3rd Sem BA	Md. Fathim Ali	Md. Fathim Ali
19.	3rd Sem BA	Priladip Dutta	Priladip Dutta
20.	3rd Sem BA	V Rishabh	V Rishabh
21.	3rd Sem BA	Mohammed Awwis Butkhal	Mohammed Awwis Butkhal
22.	3rd Sem BA	Abhinav Bakshi	Abhinav Bakshi
23.	3rd Sem BA	Ananya Acharya	Ananya Acharya
24.	3rd Sem BA	Nandini Agarwal	Nandini Agarwal
25.	3rd Sem BA	Anushka Chandra	Anushka Chandra
26.	3rd Sem BA	Talish Wani	Talish Wani
27.	3rd Sem BA	Sadaf Palveen	Sadaf Palveen
28.	3rd Sem BA	Lehkhane Raghav	Lehkhane Raghav
29.	3rd Sem BA	Chimmrai	Chimmrai
30.	3rd Sem BA	Nidhi Gupta	Nidhi Gupta
31.	3rd Sem BA	Lakshmi Priya	Lakshmi Priya
32.	3rd Sem BA	Pooja	Pooja
33.	3rd Sem BA	Likhana Raghav	Likhana Raghav
34.	3rd Sem BA	Shruti Rao	Shruti Rao
35.	3rd Sem BA	Riya K	Riya K
36.	1st Sem BA	Syda Subiya	Syda Subiya
37.	1st Sem BA	Danu Kumari	Danu Kumari
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45.	1st sem BA	Bhumi Singh	Bhumi
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48.	1st sem BA	Phudhal	Phudhal
49.	1st sem BA	Sanjana	San
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56.	1st sem BA	Sreelakshmi P	Sreelakshmi
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61.	1st sem, BCA, Sec A	Ranjini	Ranjini
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63.	1st sem BCA Sec A	Sai pouguthi	Sai
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68.	1st sem BCA Sec A	Manisha M	Manisha
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90.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Mahammed Bilal	MA
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94.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Kuldar	Kuldar
95.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Jashwanth reddy	reddy
96.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Harsha vardhan	Harsha
97.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Avinash	Avinash
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104.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Shashank	Shashank
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106.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	sumanth	sumanth
107.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Abhishek	Abhishek
108.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	paraneesh	pa
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110.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Souvik	Souvik
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113.	1st Sem BCA Sec A	Jainith	Jainith
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