

# Best Practices for the session 2020-21

## 2. Title of the Practice: Observing the Constitution Day at College on 26th November

**The objective of the Practice:** Constitution Day also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated in our country on **26th November** every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect from 26th January 1950. It is the duty of all citizens to abide by the law and make it a practice to live according to the laws. It is also important to be aware of one's fundamental rights. Keeping this in mind the college takes initiative to celebrate Constitution Day each year on 26th November.

**Context:** So many people are unaware of their fundamental duties and rights. As a result, they are often found to break laws unwillingly, as well as get deprived of what they should get from the state. Ours being a rural college, we have a large number of students and their families face the same problem. In this context, it is really important to make the students aware of the constitution so that they can help themselves as well as their family members.

### **The Practice:**

We arrange talk by eminent persons, lawyers and judges on the day to make the students aware of their rights and duties.

Throughout the year we discourage anything within campus which does not abide by the constitution.

In 2021, on 26th November, which is celebrated as the National Constitution Day we invited Prof. Jyotirmoy Bhattacharyya, retired professor, Dept of Political Science, Burdwan Raj College to deliver a talk on **values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens**. The occasion was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Sukanta Bhattacharyya, Principal, Mankar College. He happens to be from the discipline of Political Science as well. The celebration began with reading the Preamble of The Indian Constitution and taking the pledge to abide by the Constitution and fulfil one's duties as a citizen.

**Evidence of Success:** Each year the number of students attending this program is increasing, which shows the growing interest among the students.

**Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** A day's awareness program is not adequate. The Constitution has to be inculcated in syllabi like the study of ethics and values.