

## REPORT ON

**Title:** Celebration of Constitution Day (Adoption of the Constitution of India on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1949)

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

**Resource Person:** Honorable Justice (Retd) Mr. B.K. Sharma



**Fig.1:** Resource Person, Honorable Justice (Retd) Mr. B.K. Sharma

Dispur Law College celebrated the Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 in the college premises. After the felicitation of the Resource Person, Honorable Justice (Retd) Mr. B.K. Sharma, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Gargi Dutta Paul, Principal- in- charge of the college. The Resource Person in his valuable speech talked in detail about the significance of the

Constitution Day. He spoke about the various amendments incorporated into the Constitution of India till date. The speaker also talked extensively about Assam and its lineage with the rest of India and how in course of time the East India Company incorporated Assam with the rest of India after the Treaty of Yandaboo in 1826.

The speaker also talked about the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act, 1983 which was applicable to the State of Assam only whereas in other States, the detection of foreigner is done under the Foreigners Act, 1946. The speaker also spoke at length about the Assam Accord that was signed after the end of Assam agitation on 15 August, 1985 and the fixation of 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 1971 as the cutoff date of the illegal migrants. He also discussed in detail Clause 6 of the Assam Accord where assurance was made to provide constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards in order to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people. He also spoke how the State of Assam had been bearing the burden of the illegal foreigners, how the tribunals set up for the detection and deportation of the foreigners have failed and finally the IMDT Act was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2005 in *Sarbananda Sonowal v. Union of India*.

The speaker also talked about the Citizenship Amendment Bill which aims at giving citizenship to the persecuted Hindus, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Parsi and Christian religious minorities. He also explained the problems that the people of Assam are facing right now. The problems are as follows-----

1. Why the cutoff date of entry of the foreigners in Assam is different from the rest of India?
2. What would be the status of the children born in Assam from January 26, 1950 to July 1, 1987 and the status of the children born from July 1, 1987 to December 3, 2004?

The speaker also suggested the solutions for the aforesaid problems-----

1. Fencing should be done immediately.
2. Borders should be sealed.

3. Population control measures should be undertaken.
4. Finally, the people must work hard to sustain oneself.



**Fig.2:** Students performing the song “Bande Mataram” on the occasion



**Fig.3:** Students interacting with the resource person

The students interacted with the Resource Person. The programme ended with the vote of thanks offered by Dr. Swapna M. Deka, Assistant Professor of the college.

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