

## MITS RADIO 90.8 MHZ COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

### Report on

### Constitution Day: An Interaction with Madanapalle Bar Association

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The Constitution of India is the supreme law of the country and forms the foundation of democratic governance, justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. To commemorate Constitution Day (National Law Day), observed on 26th November, MITS Community Radio 90.8 organized a special interaction program with members of the Madanapalle Bar Association. The program aimed to create awareness among the general public and students about the importance of the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights, and the role of institutions in strengthening the justice system. The interaction was led by Sri M. Narasimhacharlu, Program Manager, MITS Community Radio 90.8, who engaged in meaningful discussions with practicing advocates. Through this program, MITS Community Radio reaffirmed its commitment to social awareness, legal education, and community development by using radio as a powerful medium for public outreach.

### Objectives of the program

The main objectives of the Constitution Day Interaction Program were:

1. To educate the public about the meaning and significance of the Indian Constitution.
2. To highlight the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. To inform citizens about legal remedies available when rights are violated.
4. To understand the role of educational institutions and community radio in promoting justice and awareness.
5. To discuss women's rights and constitutional protections.
6. To encourage students to develop a deeper understanding of constitutional values.

### Overview of Indian constitution

- ✓ During the interaction, the advocates explained key features of the Indian Constitution in simple terms for public understanding.
- ✓ The Indian Constitution is a single written document that defines the structure, powers, and responsibilities of government institutions and safeguards the rights of citizens.
- ✓ It contains Fundamental Rights (Part III) and Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV) which guide governance and social welfare.
- ✓ The Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution consisted of 389 members, representing diverse regions and communities of India.
- ✓ After detailed discussions and debates, the Constitution was adopted on 26 November 1949.
- ✓ It was implemented on 26 January 1950, which is celebrated as Republic Day.
- ✓ 26 November is observed as National Law Day / Constitution Day to honor the adoption of the Constitution and to promote constitutional values among citizens.

These explanations helped listeners understand the historical importance and legal foundation of Indian democracy.

### Question: What is the Indian Constitution?

#### Answer:

The Constitution is the fundamental law of India that defines the rights and duties of citizens and the functioning of the government. It includes Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles, ensuring justice, equality, and social welfare.

### Key Points Highlighted:

- The Constitution Assembly had 389 members.
- It was adopted on 26 November 1949.
- It came into force on 26 January 1950.
- November 26 is observed as National Law Day.

### Protection of Fundamental Rights

#### Question: How can general people protect their rights?

#### Answer:

Citizens are protected through Fundamental Rights under Part III of the Constitution. If any fundamental right is violated:

- Citizens can approach the High Court under Article 226.
- Citizens can approach the Supreme Court under Article 32 for enforcement of their rights.

This legal mechanism ensures access to justice and protects individuals from injustice, discrimination, and misuse of authority.



### Role of MITS Community Radio in the Justice System

#### Question: What is the role of educational institutions like MITS Community Radio in the justice system?

#### Answer:

Educational institutions and community radio stations play a crucial role in:

- Encouraging public awareness through educational broadcasts.
- Organizing and participating in social awareness programs.

- Simplifying legal concepts and constitutional rights for common people.
- Acting as a bridge between legal professionals and society.

MITS Community Radio 90.8 has consistently conducted programs on law, social justice, women empowerment, education, and civic responsibilities. By broadcasting interviews, discussions, and awareness campaigns, the station strengthens public understanding of legal rights and democratic values.

### **Interaction With Advocate Divakar Garu**

#### **Question: Will there be any future changes in the Constitution?**

##### **Answer:**

The law must evolve according to societal needs. Amendments are essential to address emerging challenges and changing social, economic, and political conditions. However, such changes must always uphold the basic structure of the Constitution.

#### **Question: What is the understanding of the Constitution for students?**

##### **Answer:**

Students should be made aware of constitutional values from an early stage.

- Educational institutions should include one subject on the Constitution in their curriculum.
- Awareness programs help students become responsible citizens who respect democracy, justice, and equality.

This interaction emphasized the importance of legal education in shaping informed and responsible youth.

### **Interaction With Advocate Haripriya Garu – Women's Rights**

#### **Question: How can women protect their rights?**

##### **Answer:**

The Constitution provides extensive protection to women. Key provisions include:

- Article 14: Equality before law – Women and men are treated equally.
- Article 15: Prohibits discrimination and allows special provisions for women, including reservations and maternity benefits.
- Article 16: Ensures equal opportunity in public employment, including for women.
- Article 21: Guarantees the right to life with dignity, protecting women's safety, liberty, and personal rights.



## Community Impact of The Program

The Constitution Day Interaction Program had a strong impact on the community by:

1. Raising Legal Awareness: Simplifying constitutional concepts for ordinary citizens.
2. Promoting Social Justice: Highlighting access to courts and fundamental rights.
3. Encouraging Student Participation: Motivating students to learn about law and governance.
4. Empowering Women: Spreading awareness about constitutional safeguards for women.
5. Strengthening Public Engagement: Creating a platform where legal experts directly interact with the public.

Through radio broadcasting, these discussions reached a wider audience beyond the Bar Association, ensuring that constitutional awareness extended to rural and semi-urban listeners.

## Conclusion

The Constitution Day Interaction Program organized by MITS Community Radio 90.8 on 26 November 2025 at the Madanapalle Bar Association was a successful initiative aimed at promoting constitutional literacy and civic responsibility. Under the leadership of Sri M. Narasimhacharlu, Program Manager, the event brought together legal experts and the community to discuss fundamental rights, judicial remedies, women's empowerment, and the role of educational institutions in the justice system. The interactions with Sri Amarnath Reddy, Advocate Divakar Garu, and Advocate Haripriya Garu provided valuable insights into the working of the Constitution and its relevance in everyday life. At the end of the program, Sri M. Narasimhacharlu expressed heartfelt thanks to all the advocates of the Madanapalle Bar

Association for their valuable participation and guidance. On behalf of MITS Community Radio 90.8, he acknowledged their support in making the Constitution Day program informative and meaningful. He also appreciated the efforts of the radio team in spreading awareness through community broadcasting.

### Program Outcomes

The Constitution Day Interaction Program conducted by **MITS Community Radio 90.8** successfully achieved the following outcomes:

#### 1. Enhanced Legal Awareness:

Participants and listeners gained a clear understanding of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights, and the legal remedies available under Articles 32 and 226, strengthening their awareness of constitutional protections.

#### 2. Promotion of Social Justice and Gender Equality:

The session on women's rights educated the community about constitutional safeguards under Articles 14, 15, 16, and 21, contributing to greater awareness on equality, dignity, and legal empowerment of women.

#### 3. Student and Community Engagement:

The interaction highlighted the importance of including constitutional education in academic institutions, motivating students and citizens to become responsible, law-abiding, and informed members of society.

### ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

#### SDG 4 – Quality Education

The program promoted constitutional literacy by simplifying legal concepts for students and the general public, encouraging the inclusion of constitutional studies in education and supporting lifelong learning.

#### SDG 5 – Gender Equality

By focusing on women's rights under Articles 14, 15, 16, and 21, the program raised awareness on equality, non-discrimination, and dignity of women, thereby supporting women's empowerment and gender justice.

#### SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

The interaction strengthened public understanding of fundamental rights, judicial remedies, and the role of institutions in justice delivery. It encouraged citizens to seek lawful solutions, thereby promoting rule of law, access to justice, and trust in democratic institutions.