

## ENDOWMENT LECTURE

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Sri. K. Puttaswamy Endowment Lecture was organized. Hon'ble Justice ShivarajPatil, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated the occasion and spoke on 'Indian Constitution- the Dynamics'. His holiness Sri Sri Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, JagadgurunVeerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Matha, Sri Kshethra, Suttur graced the occasion. Sri Dhanjaya, Asst Professor in Kannada, VVFGC delivered introductory note on Late Sri K.Puttaswamy.

Hon'ble Justice Shivaraj Patil speaking in this occasion said the lecture provides an opportunity to remember a great person reflecting his life and contribution to the country. The constitution of India is considered as one of the best constitution in the world. Human life and activities are not static. As said by Cardozo Law must be stable yet, it cannot stand still. Through 42<sup>nd</sup> amendment Art 51A was added in the constitution which set froths fundamental duties. All citizens should be aware of the fundamental duties.

Speaking on the impact of constitution he said, it is unfortunate that over the years after independence, three factors namely caste, crime and corruption have seriously impaired the quality of governance affected the common man's life. Human rights of people are violated frequently. He cited several cases of Supreme Court which highlighted the basic feature of constitution.

Concluding his speech he advised the students that present generation did not have the opportunity to take part in freedom struggle but they have an opportunity to build beautiful India.



His holiness Sri Sri Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji spoke in this occasion said our ability to seek the truth about God and live according to our beliefs has been an essential part of Indian order from the beginning. No other nation has such robust protection of religious freedom. This freedom to live according to vastly different religious beliefs has allowed men and women of different faiths to live, work, learn, and worship peacefully side by side. Any effort to repress our freedom to worship, teach, and live out our beliefs is an attack not just on human dignity, but on the very foundation that has made India strong. Religious freedom protects people's right to live, speak, and act according to their beliefs peacefully and publicly. It protects

their ability to be themselves at work, in class, and at social activities. Religious freedom is more than the “freedom to worship” at a synagogue, church, or mosque. It makes sure they don’t have to go against their core values and beliefs in order to conform to culture or government. Religious freedom benefits both individuals and communities. Dr. Ambedkar has said that in India the concept of religion is very wide. Also, there are numerous aspects that are covered from birth to the death of a person. So, if a state starts accepting this concept of religion in India that it will not be possible for social reform in India. Concluding his speech he said Constitution protects freedom of religion and this right eliminates God from matters of a state

Sri Gundappagowda, President, VV Sangha® delivering presidential speech said constitution prescribe the fundamental obligations of the states to its citizens and the duties and the rights of the citizens to the State. The Fundamental Duties are the moral obligations of all citizens to help promote a spirit of patriotism and to uphold the unity of India. As student of law we should abide by the constitution. Remembering Late Sri K Puttaswamy’s contribution he said he was a gandhian and honest person in legal profession. He was a renowned lawyer who dreamt of providing legal education for all. He dedicated his whole life for the betterment of the down trodden people. Today Vidyavardhaka Sangha stands as one of the prestigious educational institution and this is all because of the efforts of Late Sri K. Puttaswamy. He appreciated the special lecture series programme organized by Law College every year.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Sri H.S Shivakumar, Asst. Professor.