SHYAM LAL COLLEGE (EVENING)

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

AMBEDKAR STUDY CIRCLE

EVENT REPORT

Constitution Day Celebration 2026 & Parliament Visit

Date: 26 November 2026 (77th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution of India)

Venue: New Parliament House, Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi

Organised by: Ambedkar Study Circle, Shyam Lal College (Evening), University of Delhi (Special Programme organised by PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat)

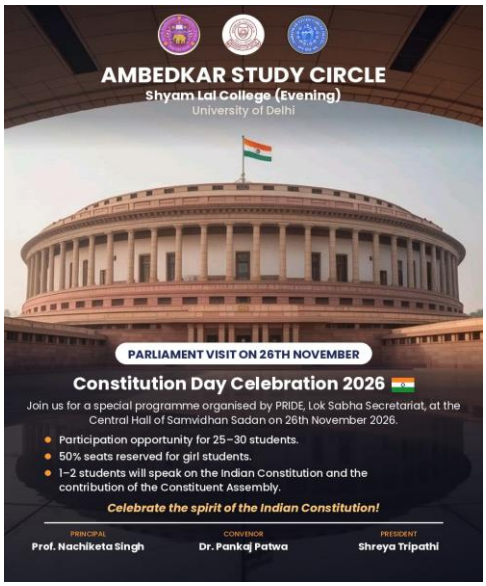
Chief Guest: Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha (in the presence of Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Secretary-General, Lok Sabha)

Principal: Prof. Nachiketa Singh

Convenor: Dr. Pankaj Patwa

President: Shreya Tripathi

Participation: 32 students from Shyam Lal College (Evening)



1. Introduction

On the historic occasion of Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas), 26 November 2026—marking the 77th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India—the Ambedkar Study Circle of Shyam Lal College (Evening), University of Delhi, organised an educational Parliament Visit and participated in a landmark commemorative programme organised by PRIDE (Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies), Lok Sabha Secretariat, at the historic Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi. Conducted under the guidance of Principal Prof. Nachiketa Singh and Convenor Dr. Pankaj

Patwa, this special initiative brought young students from colleges across the country into the Central Hall for the first time to share their reflections on the Indian Constitution and the vision of the Constituent Assembly.

A moment of immense pride for the college was that the delegation from Shyam Lal College (Evening) was the very first college group to receive entry into the Parliament complex ahead of all other participating institutions, reflecting the discipline, punctuality, and enthusiasm of its students.





2. Briefing on Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and the New Parliament House

Upon entering the Parliament complex, the students attended an insightful orientation session detailing the constitutional role, architectural evolution, seating capacity, and cultural symbolism of both Houses of Parliament—comparing the historic Samvidhan Sadan (Old Parliament) with the newly constructed Parliament House.

Lok Sabha (House of the People): In the historic Samvidhan Sadan, the Lok Sabha chamber had a seating capacity of 550 members. In the New Parliament House, this capacity has been expanded to 888 seats, with the ability to host up to 1,272 members during joint sessions of Parliament. The chamber is designed on the theme of India's national bird, the Peacock, featuring blue-green carpets and ceiling patterns inspired by peacock feathers symbolizing national pride and grace.

Rajya Sabha (Council of States): In the Old Parliament, the Rajya Sabha chamber accommodated 250 members, whereas the New Parliament House expands this capacity to 384 seats to meet future representational needs. Its interiors are inspired by India's national flower, the Lotus, with deep crimson carpets and floral motifs reflecting resilience and cultural heritage.

Key Additions in the New Parliament House: Students were also briefed on the landmark architectural and technological additions in the New Parliament House. Designed as a triangular, earthquake-resistant, Platinum-rated green building, it features a central courtyard inspired by India's national tree, the Banyan. Key additions include the historic Sengol installed near the Speaker's chair as a symbol of righteous governance, a dedicated Constitution Hall showcasing India's democratic journey, a Foucault

Pendulum suspended from the ceiling demonstrating the Earth's rotation, and three ceremonial entrances named Gyan Dwar (Gate of Knowledge), Shakti Dwar (Gate of Power), and Karma Dwar (Gate of Duty). Modern upgrades include paperless digital consoles at every seat, biometric and electronic voting systems, advanced acoustics, and multilingual interpretation facilities.

3. Exploration of the New Parliament Museum

Following the legislative briefing, the delegation embarked on a guided tour of the New Parliament Museum. Through interactive digital galleries, archival photographs, multimedia installations, and historical exhibits, students traced India's democratic evolution—from ancient republics and the freedom struggle to the historic Constituent Assembly debates and the working of parliamentary institutions in independent India. The visit deepened students' appreciation for the tireless efforts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the framers of the Constitution.

4. Main Commemorative Programme at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan

After the museum tour, the main Constitution Day programme commenced in the iconic Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan—the very hall where the Constituent Assembly drafted and adopted the Constitution on 26 November 1949. Designed as a non-competitive commemorative address session (not a competition), the event brought together students from numerous prestigious institutions—including Shyam Lal College (Evening), Ramjas College, Hindu College, Miranda House, Indraprastha College for Women, SRCC, Kalindi College, Maharaja Agrasen College, Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening), Department of Social Work (DU), Geeta Rattan International Business School, GL Bajaj Institute of Law, Manav Rachna University, and Modi Law College (Kota)—to present their thoughts on the Indian Constitution in the presence of Chief Guest Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

First Speech of the Event – Shreya Tripathi (President, Ambedkar Study Circle): Shyam Lal College (Evening) had the distinct honour of opening the entire programme, with Shreya Tripathi invited as the very first speaker of the event. Speaking passionately in Hindi, she described India not merely as a geographical territory, but as the shared ethos of 150 crore citizens—stretching from the Himalayas in the north to the mighty oceans in the south, a timeless land shaped by the spiritual legacy of Lord Shri Ram, Shri Krishna, and Gautama Buddha, the ancient heritage of Kashi, and the scientific vision of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Recalling the turbulent period of Partition in 1947, she paid a stirring tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar—the scholar of nine languages, holder of 32 degrees, first Indian to earn a PhD in Economics abroad, and chief architect of the world's largest written Constitution—whose unifying voice bound people across north, south, east, and west as one Indian family under the opening words 'We, the People of India.' She credited Baba Saheb's constitutional guarantee of equality and education for empowering women and marginalised communities to stand and speak at the highest democratic forum, summarizing her message with the lines: “Na talwaron se mili hai, na kisi taj se mili hai, yeh azaadi humein samvidhan ke vicharon se mili hai; jisne har insaan ko barabari ka adhikar diya, us Baba Saheb ne Bharat ko naya aadhar diya.”

Second Speech – Samriddhi Sharma (Vice President, Ambedkar Study Circle): Following Shreya, Vice President Samriddhi Sharma took the podium as the second speaker of the programme and delivered a confident address in English. Opening with "We, the People of India—not Hindu, Muslim, Punjabi, Sikh, or Tamil," she highlighted the 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days of dedicated deliberations by the Constituent Assembly under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and trailblazing women members such as Sarojini Naidu and Durgabai Deshmukh. Describing the Constitution as a 'living document' that has guided India's courts, elections, and Parliament while giving every citizen a voice ('My Vote, My Voice, My Constitution'), she recalled Dr. Ambedkar's caution that the success of a Constitution ultimately depends on the conduct of those who uphold it. She urged young citizens to balance Fundamental Rights with Fundamental Duties and concluded with the resonant slogan: "Samvidhan ka karenge samman, tabhi banega mahan Hindustan."

Mid-Programme Speech – Tanishka Singh: Midway through the programme, First-Year student Tanishka Singh represented Shyam Lal College (Evening) with a poised and thought-provoking speech in English titled "The Constitution of India: A Vision We Must Live, A Future We Must Build." Quoting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's famous words that the Constitution is not merely a lawyer's document but a 'vehicle of life,' she reflected on what truly unites India beyond its diverse languages, cultures, and traditions—answering that it is the shared constitutional promise where justice is not a privilege, liberty is not a luxury, equality is not merely an aspiration, and fraternity is a living bond among citizens. Linking constitutional duties to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, she emphasized that a developed nation is measured not solely by modern infrastructure or economic growth, but by how many of its people it carries forward with dignity and opportunity. Asserting that youth will not merely inherit the India of 2047 but actively help shape it by choosing honesty over shortcuts, respect over prejudice, and responsibility over indifference, she concluded with the powerful couplet: "Na dharm se pehchan hogi, na jaati se samman hoga; Bharat ke pratyek nagrik ka pehla aur aakhiri adhikar Samvidhan hoga."

Alongside the three speakers from Shyam Lal College (Evening), numerous students from other participating colleges and universities delivered thoughtful speeches in Hindi and English, celebrating India's constitutional heritage and democratic resilience.

5. Patriotic Musical Tribute by Zaina khan

Following the student speeches, Zaina khan from Shyam Lal College (Evening) filled the historic Central Hall with deep patriotic emotion through her soulful rendition of the iconic song "Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon." Sharing her heartfelt reflections on the generations of struggle and sacrifice that made India's independence and Constitution possible, her performance drew warm applause from the dignitaries and audience alike.

6. Keynote Address by Chief Guest Shri Om Birla (Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha)

The highlight of the celebration was the inspiring keynote address by Chief Guest Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Expressing pride at hearing young voices resonate inside the very hall where

India's independence was witnessed and the Constitution was framed, he described the Constitution as the bedrock of India's democracy, national unity, and progress—a guiding light not only for India, but for democratic nations worldwide.

Recalling the Constituent Assembly's two years and eleven months of intensive deliberation, debate, disagreement, and consensus-building across diverse regions, languages, and faiths, Shri Om Birla explained the institutional balance established by the Constitution: the Legislature voices public aspirations and enacts laws, the Executive implements policies, and the Judiciary protects citizens' constitutional rights and ensures justice.

> Appreciating the innovative energy and legal awareness of India's youth, Shri Om Birla urged students to read, understand, and imbibe the Constitution in their everyday conduct. Emphasizing that true democracy thrives when citizens discharge their duties with patriotism and dedication alongside enjoying their rights, he called upon the young participants to carry the spirit of Samvidhan Sadan to their institutions and communities and work relentlessly towards building an inclusive Viksit Bharat 2047 where justice and development reach the last person in the queue.

7. Collective Reading of the Preamble and Formal Conclusion

At the conclusion of his address, Hon'ble Speaker Shri Om Birla led all participating students, faculty members, and dignitaries in a solemn, collective reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India (Samvidhan ki Uddeshika) in Hindi, reaffirming their shared resolve to uphold justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. Following the Preamble reading, the entire gathering stood in honour for the Rashtra Geet (Vande Mataram), and the programme formally concluded with the Rashtra Gaan (Jana Gana Mana), followed by an official institutional group photograph in Courtyard 1.

8. Key Highlights

- Shyam Lal College (Evening) was the first college delegation to be granted entry into the Parliament complex ahead of all participating institutions.
- Detailed briefing on Lok Sabha (550 to 888 seats; Peacock theme) and Rajya Sabha (250 to 384 seats; Lotus theme), along with key additions in the New Parliament House including the Sengol, Constitution Hall, Foucault Pendulum, and digital consoles.
- Guided educational tour of the New Parliament Museum highlighting India's democratic journey and Constituent Assembly debates.
- Non-competitive commemorative Samvidhan Diwas address session in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan featuring students from colleges across India.
- Outstanding representation by SLCE students: Shreya Tripathi (President, Ambedkar Study Circle – first speaker of the event), Samriddhi Sharma (Vice President – second speaker), and Tanishka Singh (First-Year Student – mid-programme speaker).
- Soulful patriotic tribute “Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon” performed by Zaina khan from Shyam Lal College (Evening).

- Inspiring keynote address by Chief Guest Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, followed by the collective reading of the Preamble (Samvidhan ki Uddeshika), Rashtra Geet (Vande Mataram), and Rashtra Gaan (Jana Gana Mana).

9. Conclusion

The Constitution Day Celebration 2026 and Parliament Visit organised by the Ambedkar Study Circle, Shyam Lal College (Evening), was a landmark educational and civic experience. From being the first college to enter the Parliament complex and opening the Central Hall proceedings to listening to the Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker and reciting the Preamble together in Samvidhan Sadan, the visit left a lasting imprint on every student, inspiring them to live by constitutional values and actively contribute towards a strong, inclusive, and developed India.

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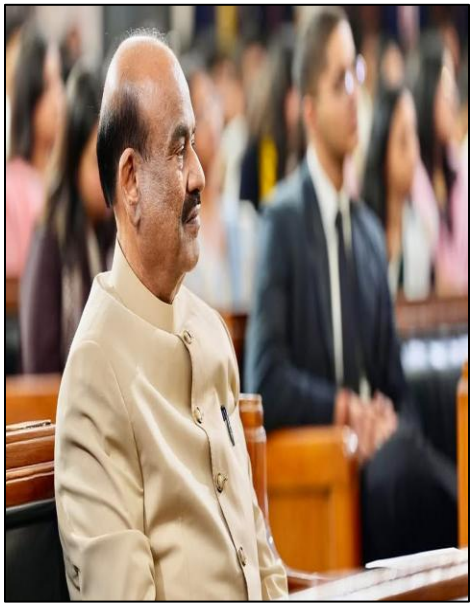










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