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PRESS RELEASE

Webinar on “Constitution of India – India is not a State, it is a Civilization”

The Constitution of India came into effect on January 26th, 1950, with "Constitutionalism" as its guiding principle. It grants enforceable Fundamental Rights to citizens, aiming to establish a "Political Democracy" in India.

2. High Commission of India in collaboration with GOPIO, celebrated the first-ever Constitution Day Lecture Series in New Zealand. The focus of the webinar was on the Indian Constitution and its relevance today. To launch the series, GOPIO was honored to have Prof. Hindol Sengupta from India as the Guest Speaker.

3. This event was particularly significant as it marked the 75th anniversary of Constitution Day. While the Indian diaspora around the world celebrates Republic Day on January 26th with great enthusiasm, many, especially the younger generation, may not be aware that the Constitution of India was presented to the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, making this year the 75th anniversary of that historic event.

4. The webinar was opened by Mrs. Neeta Bhushan, the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand. She reminded us of the core principles of the Constitution and how it has served India well over the past 75 years. She also highlighted the significant role women played in drafting the Constitution and their active participation in the Constituent Assembly during its adoption.

5. High Commissioner emphasized that the Constitution is a living document, having undergone numerous changes in the past 75 years to stay relevant and address the evolving needs of the nation.

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