

## Report on celebration of Republic Day

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day was celebrated. Dr.M.P Sadashiva, Assistant Professor, DOS in Chemistry, UOM, Mysuru. Sri Abdul Jameel, Member of VV Sangha® and Principal of sister institution were present in this occasion. The guest hoisted the tri-colour flag and addressed the gathering. He said **Republic Day** is one of three Indian national holidays and it commemorates the enactment of the constitution of India, which occurred on January 26, 1950. India became independent of the United Kingdom on August 15, 1947. India did not have a permanent constitution at this time. The drafting committee presented the constitution's first draft to the national assembly on November 4, 1947. The national assembly signed the final English and Hindi language versions of the constitution on January 24, 1950.



India's constitution came into effect on Republic Day, January 26, 1950. This date was chosen as it was the anniversary of *Purna Swaraj* Day, which was held on January 26, 1930. The constitution gave India's citizens the power to govern themselves by choosing their own government. Dr Rajendra Prasad took oath as India's first president at the Durbar Hall in the Government House, followed by a residential drive along a route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled India's national flag. Ever since the historic day, January 26 is celebrated with festivities and patriotic fervor across India.

Republic Day represents the true spirit of the independent India. Military parades, displays of military equipment and the national flag are important symbols on this date. India's national flag is a horizontal tricolor of deep saffron (*kesaria*) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of the flag's width to its length is two to three. A navy-blue wheel in the center of the white band represents the chakra. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the white band's width and it has 24 spokes. Being a teacher it is not just a duty but our responsibility to tell our students about freedom struggle and the importance of freedom struggle.



The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by teaching staff of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College.