

**NAME OF THE COLLEGE: DR AMBEDKAR COLLEGE,
DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR**

NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ACADEMIC SESSION: 2020-2021

**TITLE OF THE PROGRAMME: Installation of the Students' Moot Court
Association**

**NAME OF THE RESOURCE PERSON: Adv Shraddhananda Bhutada,
High Court, Nagpur**

DATE: 1ST DECEMBER 2020

PLATFORM ON WHICH HELD: ZOOM

NO. OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED: 155

NO. OF TEACHERS: 10; NO. OF GIRLS:90; NO. OF BOYS: 55

DATE: 1st December 2020

SMCA INSTALLATION 2020

REPORT

A new body of the Students' Moot Court Association for the academic year 2020-21 was virtually inducted on 1st December 2020, in the presence of the Chief Guest, Adv. Shraddhanand Bhutada; Principal, Dr. Mrs. B. A. Mehre; Head of the Department of Law, Dr. H. V. Menon; the faculty members; members of the outgoing SMCA team and students.

The ceremony began with Dr. H. V. Menon formally welcoming everyone in her address, followed by the Outgoing SMCA Secretary, Renuka Ashtikar sharing her personal experience in managing the affairs of the Association and extending her best wishes to the incoming team.

Dr. V. V. Deshpande inducted the Office Bearers, with Rohan Pillai heading this year's SMCA as its President. Abhishek Zade took over as the Vice President. Akansha Dubey was sworn in as the Secretary with Ritika Rao taking charge as the Joint Secretary. Arefa Sheikh was appointed as the Treasurer. Anushree Kulkarni and Rishu Singh were appointed as the Directors of Moot Court Competition and Moot Court Workshop respectively. Grishma Trivedi and Prachi Rajput took over as the Student Co-ordinators.

Along with the members of the Core Committee, 17 students were inducted as Members of the Executive Committee.

The entire team of Office Bearers was administered the oath by the Principal, DACN, Dr. B. A. Mehre where every newly inducted member swore to strive to achieve the aims and objectives of this organisation to the best of their abilities.

This was followed by an acceptance speech by the newly pinned President, Rohan Pillai where he respectfully accepted the position and assured that he would carry out all the responsibilities that this position brings and promised that he and his fellow team members will leave no stone unturned to make this tenure a successful one.

Adv. Shraddhanand Bhutada, an eminent lawyer practising at the High Court of Judicature Bombay, Nagpur bench, graced this ceremony as the Chief Guest. In his address to the gathering, he congratulated the newly inducted team and extended his best wishes. Addressing the students generally, he threw light upon his experiences in the court room. He urged the students to be well studied and humble in their submissions to the court. He spoke extensively on what it calls for being a “good lawyer” in court. Emphasizing that a lawyer does not educate a judge but his task rather is to “persuade” a judge, she remarked “you must have your wits sharp and not the tongue sharp!”. Adv Bhutada also pointed out how precision and accuracy in arguments is the key to good lawyering. Lastly he urged the students to take steps towards achieving all these objectives by extensively participating in moot courts during their college years.

Akansha Dubey (Secretary, SMCA) proposed a formal vote of thanks to the gathering. The Ceremony concluded with everyone singing the National Anthem.

The proceedings of the Ceremony were carried out by Sonia Shrinivasan.



Figure 1: Adv Shradhdhananda Bhutada addressing the students