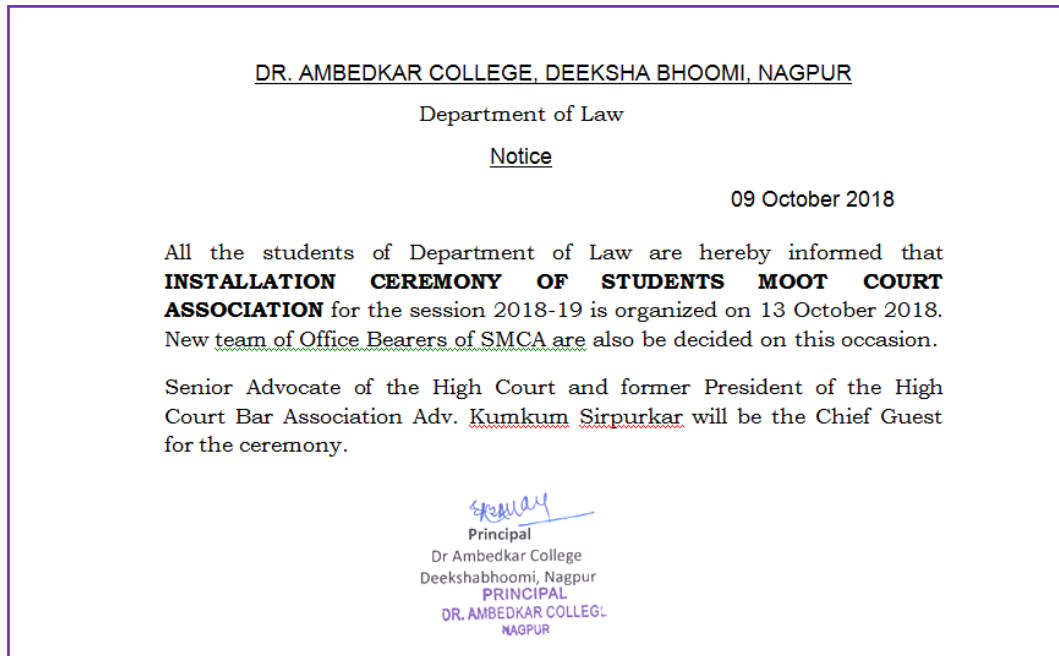


**REPORT**  
**DR AMBEDKAR COLLEGE DEEKSHABHOOMI NAGPUR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF STUDENTS MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION**  
**2018-19**



**ABOUT SMCA:** The SMCA is a premiere body of the students of the department, primarily for shaping the advocacy skills of the students of law. The body is governed by the Constitution of the SMCA, which has been drafted by the students themselves and as per the Articles of the Constitution, the office-bearers of this association hold office for a period of one year. The Principal of the college is the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the association, and the positions of the Supervisor and Co-ordinator of SMCA respectively are occupied by senior faculty members. The student office-bearers comprise of Core-Committee members, Executive members and Volunteer committee members. Every year a new team of students take over from the outgoing team in an impressive Installation Ceremony.

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY, SMCA:**

This year the new team of Office bearers of SMCA took to office in the Installation ceremony that took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. Senior Advocate of the High Court and a former President of the High Court Bar Association Adv Kumkum Sirpurkar was the Chief Guest of the Installation Ceremony. In this glittering Installation programme that took place in the College Hall, the Incoming President Mr Chaitanya Mohgaonkar was installed as the President at the hands of the Chief Guest. She pinned him with the badge of the President and he subsequently installed his entire team of Core-Committee members and Executive Committee members. Soon after all of them were installed, the Executive and the Core Committee members were administered an Oath before entering office, as per the

Constitution of SMCA. The oath was administered by the Supervisor of SMCA, Dr Mrs Hema Menon. After this Oath taking ceremony, the President Mr Chaitanya Mohgaonkar delivered his impressive acceptance speech, in which he thanked the teachers of the department in reposing trust in him by choosing him for the coveted post of the President of SMCA. He spoke about his vision for the year and how the SMCA could prove instrumental in organizing several activities for the benefit of the students. He also appealed to the new office bearers of his team to work with full dedication and team spirit in all the work that would be undertaken by the SMCA. Earlier the Co-ordinator of SMCA Dr Mrs Varsha Deshpande delivered the Introductory remarks. She briefed the audience about how way back in 2006 the SMCA as a students body was formed for the first time and how the Department has incrementally added something more to the range of activities hosted by the SMCA. She also urged the new team of office bearers to deliver their tasks with utmost sincerity and to master leadership skills by working as a team. The Head of the Department of Law Dr N M Khirale delivered the welcome address and motivated the students to participate in competitions like the Moot Court.

The Chief guest Adv Kumkum Sirpurkar congratulated the new team of office bearers and complemented them for their initiative in being a part of this prestigious body. In her lucid address she prominently pointed out the massive changes that have come about today in the legal profession due to intervention of technology. All information is available with the young generation today at the click of a button, unlike the older generation which had to delve into so many books to research the law. While this is definitely an advantage, she however pointed out that this should not lead to students moving away from books and that is where the young generation must consciously cultivate this habit of reading. She also threw some light on the nuances of advocacy and how students must take maximum benefit of activities like moot courts which are wonderful forums available to students today. The main focus of her lecture was on encouraging students to take to the challenging career of legal practice rather than settling for a fixed pay package in corporate. She emphatically pointed out that hard work and patience definitely pays in the legal profession in which sky is the limit. She also passionately urged to the girls students to stay on in the profession rather than dropping out after a year or so which is generally the trend in the court. She also congratulated the teachers of the department for the innovative programmes they organize under the auspices of the SMCA each year. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Secretary, SMCA Mr Shubhankar Phadnis.



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