

DR. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE, DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
Academic Session- 2025-26

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME:	TRIAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP 2025-26
NAME OF THE GUEST SPEAKER:	ADV. VIVEK AWCHAT ADV. NEERAJ KHANDEWALE
NAME OF THE PROGRAMME SUPERVISOR:	DR. VARSHA DESHPANDE
NAME OF THE PROGRAMME CO- ORDINATOR:	DR. VAISHALI A. SUKHDEVE
DATE AND DAY:	21 st FEBRUARY 2026
TIME:	11:00 AM
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	120 (Girl and Boys)
VENUE:	ROOM NO. 6 AND SEMINAR HALL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW



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SMCA NOTICE

The Students' Moot Court Association is pleased to announce it is organizing a **Trial Advocacy Workshop** to enhance advocacy skills and provide practical exposure to trial procedures.

We request all the registered participants to be present positively and hope you will take advantage of the opportunity.

The workshop will be conducted in two sessions.

All registered students must mandatorily attend and actively participate.

Details of the sessions are as follows:

Session	Date	Time	Resource Person
Session I	21st February 2026	11:00 AM	Adv. Vivek Awchat
Session II		12:30 PM	Adv. Neeraj Khandewale

Venue Details: Auditorium, Main Building

Students are requested to be seated **15 minutes prior** to the scheduled time.

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Trial advocacy forms a crucial part of legal education as it equips law students with practical courtroom skills, strategic thinking abilities, and confidence required for real-life litigation. It bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application by training students in examination-in-chief, cross-examination, framing of charges, appreciation of evidence, and courtroom etiquette. Thus, it is extremely important that students receive structured guidance and hands-on exposure in trial advocacy at an early stage of their academic journey.

With this objective in mind, The Students Moot Court Association (SMCA) of the Department of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur organized a **Workshop on Trial Advocacy** for the registered students of LL.B 3 years and 5 years course. The workshop was divided into two sessions which were conducted under the expert guidance of Adv. Vivek Awchat and Adv. Neeraj Khandewale, both distinguished practicing advocates with rich professional experience.

Adv. Neeraj Khandewale was enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in 1993 and possesses more than 33 years of rich legal experience. He has practiced at the Bombay High Court on both the Original and Appellate Sides, handling a wide range of complex legal matters. His vast courtroom exposure and deep understanding of procedural and substantive law greatly enriched the learning experience of the students.

Adv. Vivek Awchat has been practicing at the Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench since 2009 and brings with him more than a decade of experience in both civil and criminal matters. He holds an LL.M. in Criminology from RTM Nagpur University, which further strengthens his expertise in criminal jurisprudence and trial procedure.

Through this workshop, the participants were introduced to the fundamentals of trial practice, beginning from understanding the structure of a trial to the art of presenting arguments before a court of law. The speakers emphasized the importance of preparation, clarity of facts, and mastery over procedural law. Students were guided on how to read a case file critically, frame issues, prepare witness examinations, and present oral submissions effectively before a trial court.

Adv. Vivek Awchat addressed one group of students and focused extensively on the practical aspects of conducting criminal and civil trials. He explained the stages of a trial, the importance of drafting pleadings, and the strategic approach required during examination-in-chief and cross-examination. He also discussed common mistakes made by young advocates and provided practical tips on maintaining courtroom discipline, persuasive advocacy, and ethical conduct. Drawing from his professional experiences, he shared real-life courtroom situations to help students understand the practical challenges faced during trial proceedings.

Adv. Neeraj Khandewale guided the other group of students and elaborated on the skills required to become an effective trial lawyer. He highlighted the significance of thorough research, proper appreciation of evidence, and the role of procedural laws in ensuring justice. He also explained

how to build a strong case theory and how to structure arguments logically before the court. Emphasis was laid on developing confidence, clarity of speech, and presence of mind during objections and rebuttals. His decades of experience before the High Court enabled him to provide valuable practical insights into trial strategies and courtroom advocacy.

Both the resource person patiently explained the nuances of trial advocacy, including drafting complaints, framing charges, handling documentary and oral evidence, and addressing the court with professionalism. The workshop also included an interactive session where students asked insightful questions regarding trial strategies, ethical dilemmas, and courtroom procedures. The speakers addressed each query with practical examples, making the session highly engaging and informative.

The workshop was smoothly anchored by SMCA Executive Member Shravani Khonde, who conducted the proceedings with confidence and clarity. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by SMCA Executive Member Harshita Gandhe, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to Adv. Vivek Awchat and Adv. Neeraj Khandewale for their invaluable guidance and for sharing their practical courtroom experiences with the students. This workshop was coordinated by Dr. Mrs. Vaishali A. Sukhdeve under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Varsha V. Deshpande.

The event was well-received and proved to be a significant step toward strengthening the advocacy skills of budding lawyers. The participants as well as the organizers expressed sincere appreciation for the patience, clarity, and encouraging teaching style of the speakers. The students left the workshop feeling motivated, confident, and better equipped to understand the practical dimensions of trial advocacy, while the speakers departed with the satisfaction of having mentored an enthusiastic and inquisitive group of future legal professionals.



Adv. Vivek Awchat addressing the participants about importance of analysing the preposition for trial advocacy.



Adv. Neeraj Khandewale speaking about trial advocacy.



Guest speakers with the participants and teacher coordinators

Participant's Feedback

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Feedback Form- Trial Advocacy Workshop 25-26
Greetings! Kindly fill out the feedback form for the Trial Advocacy Workshop hosted by the Students' Moot Court Association, Department of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College Nagpur on 21/02/26.

* Indicates required question

Name *

Geant Samsah Deshmukh

Course *

☒ BA LLB (5 years)

☐ LLB (3 years)

Semester *

IV SEMESTER

Rate on the scale of 1-5 how satisfied you were with the First session of the Workshop conducted by Adv. Vinak Awchari. *

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ Highly Satisfied

Rate on the scale of 1-5 how satisfied you were with the Second session of the Workshop conducted by Adv. Neeraj Khandewale. *

1 2 3 4 5

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Do you want such Workshops to be organized in the Future? *

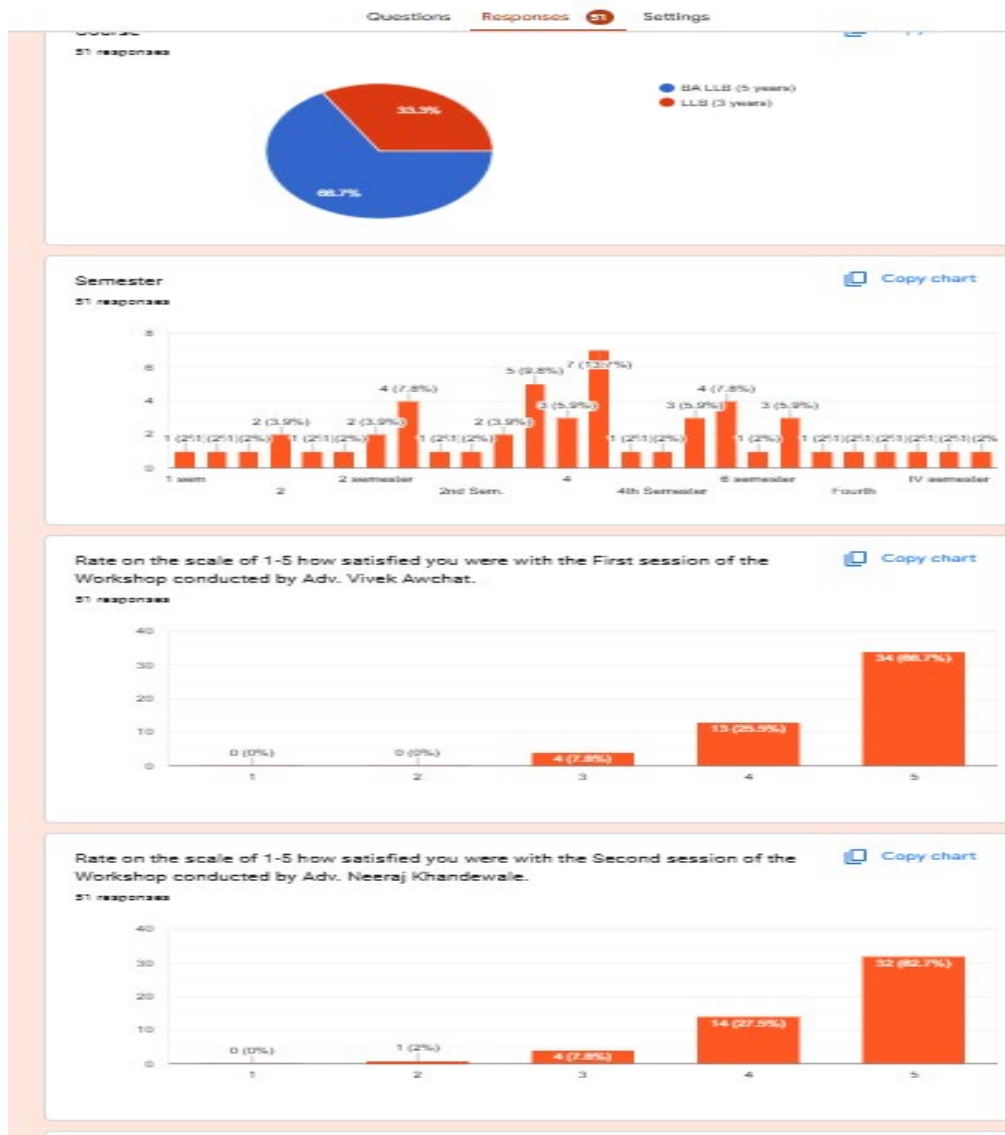
☒ Yes

☐ No

What are your suggestions for such Workshops in the future? *

Yes! The workshop was truly successful and I would like to suggest that the college continues organizing them with even more practical activities for practical exposure of students.

Submitted 21/02/2026, 19:45



Form Responses 1								
Timestamp	Name	Course	Semester	Rate a	Rate c	Do yc	What are your suggestions for such Workshop	
21/02/2026 19:31:44	Ayush Deshpande	BA LLB (5 years)	2nd semester	5	5	Yes	Conduct such workshops	
21/02/2026 19:33:06	Udit Sharma	BA LLB (5 years)	2	4	5	Yes	Spacious and ventilated room with some refreshment	
21/02/2026 19:37:26	Tanvi Yadav	BA LLB (5 years)	4th semester	5	3	Yes	Such workshops should be conducted twice a year	
21/02/2026 19:37:30	Dr Veena Vasant Rahate	LLB (3 years)	Semester II	5	3	Yes	More such workshops should be conducted in future	
21/02/2026 19:39:25	Sampada Dongre	BA LLB (5 years)	2nd	5	5	Yes	These workshops were so helpful and helps a lot	
21/02/2026 19:42:59	UTKARSHA TAKEY	BA LLB (5 years)	1 sem	5	5	Yes	It was good just there is a need of proper Mike system	
21/02/2026 19:46:32	Gauri Santosh Deshmukh	BA LLB (5 years)	IV SEMESTER	5	4	Yes	Yes! The workshop was truly successful and I would like to attend more such workshops	
21/02/2026 19:48:06	Disha Harish Choubhe	BA LLB (5 years)	2nd	5	5	Yes	Such informative workshop should held more in future	
21/02/2026 19:48:21	Sanika Shatrughan Surje	LLB (3 years)	4th semester	5	5	Yes	Yes this workshop was very nice for the students	
21/02/2026 20:06:55	Saloni sontakke	BA LLB (5 years)	4th	3	2	Yes	It would have been gone smoothly than ever	
21/02/2026 20:08:33	Jaya Bhongade	LLB (3 years)	2 sem	5	5	Yes	Nothing	
21/02/2026 20:42:20	Shivam Puri	LLB (3 years)	4th SEM	5	3	Yes	The workshop was good and we got good knowledge	
21/02/2026 20:48:38	Anjali Shashikapur Bhim	LLB (3 years)	IV semester	5	5	Yes	Essential for developing advocacy skills, specifically for moot court competitions	
21/02/2026 20:49:04	Ankit Chandrakar	LLB (3 years)	IV	5	5	Yes	Want longer Workshops. There was a lot to learn from this	
21/02/2026 20:56:44	Sejal Thombre	BA LLB (5 years)	6th semester	5	5	Yes	-	
21/02/2026 21:02:03	Tejaswini Rudrakar	BA LLB (5 years)	2nd semester	4	5	Yes	Pls try to make the workshop more funny and friendly	
21/02/2026 21:42:04	Ojas Gade	BA LLB (5 years)	6th Semester	4	4	Yes	Nice 🍌	
21/02/2026 21:43:05	Ojas Gade	BA LLB (5 years)	6th Semester	5	5	Yes	3 member teams in competition	
21/02/2026 22:17:22	Harjyot Singh Chhatwal	BA LLB (5 years)	4th semester	4	4	Yes	Just do the workshop in auditorium next time and make it more interactive	
21/02/2026 22:49:47	Samiksha masaram	BA LLB (5 years)	2nd sem	5	4	Yes	It is too good for future	
21/02/2026 23:29:01	Ayushi Chaurasia	BA LLB (5 years)	4th sem	5	5	Yes	-	
22/02/2026 11:30:03	Anay Sanjay Dhakate	BA LLB (5 years)	4th	3	4	Yes	Such workshops should be conducted often atleast once a semester	
22/02/2026 15:39:36	Sushrut Kalbade	BA LLB (5 years)	4th semester	3	4	Yes	Such workshops should be conducted often	
22/02/2026 15:40:51	Dikshamore1947@gmail	LLB (3 years)	Fourth	5	5	Yes	Such program should be held on time so we can get the most out of it	
22/02/2026 15:41:36	Bhakti Mehar	BA LLB (5 years)	4th sem	5	5	Yes	Choose a better place.. as it was suffocating at the time of the workshop	
22/02/2026 15:41:57	Shreyas Wankhade	BA LLB (5 years)	6th Semester	4	4	Yes	To make future workshops even better	
22/02/2026 15:43:39	Anushree Rahate	BA LLB (5 years)	10th	5	3	Yes	-	
22/02/2026 15:53:59	Pratiksha thorat	LLB (3 years)	2 nd semester	5	5	Yes	N	
22/02/2026 15:54:21	Tilak Joshi	BA LLB (5 years)	2 semester	4	5	Yes	As I am from 2 semester. according to me this workshop was very helpful	

