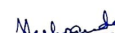


**DR. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE, DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

**Academic Session- 2025-26**

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| NAME OF THE PROGRAMME:                     | IN HOUSE TRIAL ADVOCACY<br>COMPETITION 2026                                                              |          |                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF THE JUDGES IN<br>PRELIMINARY ROUND | ADV. ARPIT WAGHIDE<br>ADV. SURESH KATIYAR<br>ADV. PRIYANSH SHUKLA<br>ADV. ROBIN KUKDE<br>ADV SHAZIA BARI |          |                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF THE JUDGES IN SEMI<br>FINALS       | ADV. PREETI RANE<br>ADV. VEDANT VYAWHARE<br>ADV. SANKET PURANIK<br>ADV. VISHNU GAWLI                     |          |                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF THE JUDGES IN<br>FINALS            | HON’BLE RETIRED JUDGES<br>SHRI G.M. KUBDE<br>SHRI VIJAY DHANDE                                           |          |                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF THE PROGRAMME<br>SUPERVISOR:       | Dr Mrs. VARSHA DESHPANDE                                                                                 |          |                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF THE PROGRAMME<br>CO- ORDINATOR:    | DR. VAISHALI A. SUKHDEVE<br>MRS. NAVJYOT SETHI                                                           |          |                                                                                                          |
| DATE AND DAY:                              | 27 <sup>TH</sup> and 28 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026                                                      |          |                                                                                                          |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS               | 18 TEAMS (48 participants plus 12<br>Witnesses- Total -50)                                               |          |                                                                                                          |
| VENUE:                                     | MOOT COURT HALL- A AND B                                                                                 |          |                                                                                                          |
| Details of the competition are as follow   |                                                                                                          |          |                                                                                                          |
| Round                                      | Date                                                                                                     | Time     | Judges                                                                                                   |
| Preliminary                                | 27th February 2026                                                                                       | 9:00 AM  | Adv. Arpit Waghide<br>Adv. Suresh Katiyar<br>MS. Shazia Bari<br>Adv. Priyansh Shukla<br>Adv. Robin Kukde |
| Semi Finals                                | 28th February 2026                                                                                       | 10:00 AM | Adv. Vishnu Gawli<br>Adv. Preeti Rane<br>Adv. Vedant Vyawahare<br>Adv. Sanket Puranik                    |
| Finals                                     | 28th February 2026                                                                                       | 1:30 PM  | Hon’ble Retired Judges<br>Shr. G M Kubde<br>Shri Vijay Dhande                                            |
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| <div data-bbox="258 226 370 322" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="378 217 815 318" data-label="Text"> <p>PARAM POOJYA DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR SMARAK SAMITI'S<br/> <b>DR. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE</b><br/>         NAAC REACCREDITED WITH 'A+' GRADE<br/>         RECOGNIZED AS COLLEGE WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE BY UGC<br/>         DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR - 440010 (M.S.)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="649 338 751 358" data-label="Text"> <p>Date: 18/03/2026</p> </div> <div data-bbox="459 365 571 385" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><b>SMCA NOTICE</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="277 416 753 604" data-label="Text"> <p>The Students' Moot Court Association is pleased to announce that it is organizing its "1<sup>st</sup> Trial Advocacy competition" with the objective to boost advocacy skills and provide practical exposure to trial procedures. The date of the competition is <b>27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>, which will be conducted in 3 rounds. The competition is open only to the registered participants of Trial Advocacy workshop. All registered participants please note that the Proposition, Rulebook and schedule of the competition are attached below the notice.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="277 616 667 640" data-label="Text"> <p>Students are required to strictly follow the schedule of the rounds.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="277 658 643 680" data-label="Text"> <p>Venue Details: Moot court Hall A and B; Department of Law</p> </div> <div data-bbox="277 741 435 842" data-label="Text"> <p><br/>         Prof. Dr. Mrs. V.V. Deshpande<br/>         Prof. &amp; Head<br/>         Department of Law<br/>         Dr. Ambedkar College,<br/>         Deekshabhoomi</p> </div> <div data-bbox="593 736 738 848" data-label="Text"> <p><br/>         Dr. Mrs. Deepa Panhelkar,<br/>         Principal,<br/>         Dr. Ambedkar College,<br/>         Deekshabhoomi</p> </div> | <div data-bbox="874 206 1362 627" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="925 461 1308 519" data-label="Text"> <p>IN - HOUSE TRIAL ADVOCACY<br/>         COMPETITION</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1021 542 1230 582" data-label="Text"> <p><b>2025-26</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="960 651 1283 685" data-label="Text"> <p><b>27 &amp; 28 March 2026</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="896 710 1356 741" data-label="Text"> <p><b>SMCA introducing for the very first time</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="849 745 1391 801" data-label="Text"> <p><b>Venue :- Dr. Ambedkar College , Deeksha Bhoomi<br/>         Department Of Law</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="853 810 1370 889" data-label="Text"> <p><b>Regards<br/>         Team SMCA<br/>         Department of Law , Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur</b></p> </div> |
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The Students Moot Court Association (SMCA) of the Department of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur proudly organized its **First In-House Trial Competition** on **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The competition served as a landmark event in the academic calendar of the department, providing students with an invaluable platform to apply their theoretical legal knowledge in a simulated courtroom environment.

Trial advocacy forms a crucial part of legal education as it equips law students with practical courtroom skills, strategic thinking abilities, and the 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. With this objective in mind, the SMCA conceptualized and executed this first-of-its-kind in-house competition to provide structured, hands-on exposure to trial advocacy at an early stage of the students' academic journey.

The competition was structured across three rounds — the **Preliminary Round**, the **Semi-Finals**, and the **Finals** — spread over two days. The rounds were presided over by a distinguished panel of practicing advocates and legal professionals who brought with them years of courtroom experience and expertise.

The **Preliminary Round** was held on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 9:00 AM** and was judged by **Adv. Arpit Waghade, Adv. Suresh Katiyar, Adv. Priyansh Shukla, Adv. Robin Kukde, and Adv. Shazia Bari**. The round saw enthusiastic participation from students who presented their arguments with commendable preparation and confidence, reflecting the rigorous groundwork they had undertaken in the weeks leading up to the competition.

The **Semi-Finals** were conducted on **28th February 2026 at 10:00 AM** and were presided over by **Adv. Preeti Rane, Adv. Vedant Vyavwahare, Adv. Sanket Puranik, and Adv. Vishnu Gawli**. The level of advocacy witnessed during this round was notably high, with students demonstrating sharper legal reasoning, better command over procedural law, and more effective courtroom presence than in the preliminary stage.

The **Final Round** was held on **28th February 2026 at 1:30 PM** and was presided over by the esteemed Hon'ble retired Judges **Shri G.M. Kubde and Shri Vijay Dhande**, whose vast legal experience and stature lent great prestige and gravitas to the occasion. The finalists delivered impressive performances, showcasing their ability to construct persuasive arguments, conduct witness examinations, raise and respond to objections, and present oral submissions with clarity and professionalism.

After a keenly contested final round, the competition was won by the team comprising **Ms. Tanvi Yadav and Mast. Anay Dhakate**, who put forth an outstanding performance marked by sharp legal reasoning, confident advocacy, and thorough preparation. Their witnesses — **Yogesh Agarwal (playing the role of Ajay), Sampada (playing the role of Khushi), and Veena Das (playing the role of Subhodh)** delivered commendable performances that greatly strengthened the team's overall presentation. The winning team was guided and mentored by **SMCA Executive Member Kanak Bhandakkar**, whose dedicated coaching and strategic guidance played a pivotal role in shaping the team's preparation and performance throughout the competition.

Throughout the competition, students gained practical insight into the various dimensions of trial advocacy. They learned how to critically read and analyze a case file, frame issues, develop a coherent case theory, and present arguments logically before a court of law. The experience of being assessed by practicing advocates helped students understand the standards expected of a trial lawyer and the importance of preparation, procedural knowledge, and presence of mind in a courtroom setting. The competition also instilled in them the values of ethical conduct, professional discipline, and respect for the judicial process.

The successful execution of this two-day event was made possible through the dedicated teamwork of the **Core and Executive Committee members of the SMCA**. From the initial planning and coordination of logistics to the management of rounds, communication with judges, and smooth on-ground execution, every member of the committee contributed wholeheartedly. Their collective effort, commitment, and sense of responsibility ensured that the competition was conducted in a seamless and professional manner, reflecting great credit on the association and the department as a whole.

The proceedings of the event were anchored with poise and confidence by **SMCA Executive Member Ishwari Poharkar**, whose composed and articulate conduct added to the professional atmosphere of the competition. The event concluded with a heartfelt **vote of thanks delivered by SMCA President Subhusha Agarwal**, who expressed sincere gratitude to the distinguished panel of judges for their time, guidance, and valuable feedback, and acknowledged the efforts of all the committee members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event a success.

Dr. Deepa Panhekar, Principal of Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, and The Head of the Department and SMCA, supervisor Dr. Varsha Deshpande congratulated all the participants and Team SMCA for the success of event. The SMCA Co-ordinator, Dr. Vaishali A. Sukhdeve and Teacher In charge Mrs. Navjyot Sethi successfully coordinated and steered Team SMCA for the success of the event.

The First In-House Mock Trial Competition was widely appreciated by participants, faculty, and guests alike. It stands as a testament to the SMCA's commitment to fostering

practical legal skills and a competitive spirit among students. The participants left the competition not only with a deeper understanding of trial advocacy but also with renewed motivation, enhanced confidence, and a clearer vision of what it means to be an effective advocate in a court of law.



**The winners of First In House Trial Advocacy Competition Ms Tanvi Yadav and Mast. Anay Dhakate along with dignitaries, principal Mrs Deepa Panhekar, and Head of The Department, Law Dr Mrs Varsha Deshpande.**



**Students Moot Court Association (SMCA) Team 2025-2026 Core Committee and Executive Members along with Teacher coordinators, Dr. Mrs. Vaishali Sukhdeve and Mrs. Navjyot Sethi**

## NEWS COVERAGE

# इन-हाऊस ट्रायल अॅडव्होकेसी स्पर्धा थाटात

डॉ. आंबेडकर कॉलेजमध्ये आयोजन, वकिली कौशल्यांचा विकास

■ सकाळ वृत्तसेवा १.४.२०२६

नागपूर: डॉ. आंबेडकर कॉलेज, दीक्षाभूमी येथील विधी विभागाने २७ व २८ मार्च २०२६ रोजी प्रथमच इन-हाऊस ट्रायल अॅडव्होकेसी स्पर्धा पार पडली. या स्पर्धेचा उद्देश विधी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या प्रत्यक्ष वकिली कौशल्यांचा विकास करणे हा होता. विद्यार्थ्यांना न्यायालयीन तंत्र, कायदेशीर युक्तिवाद आणि वकिली कौशल्ये प्रतिकात्मक न्यायालयीन प्रक्रियेद्वारे सादर करण्यासाठी हे व्यासपीठ उपलब्ध करून देण्याचा होता.

पहिल्या दिवशी प्राथमिक फेरीत १८ संघांनी भाग घेतला. सहभागी विद्यार्थ्यांनी न्यायालयीन वातावरणात

युक्तिवाद करून साक्षीदारांची परीक्षा घेतली. दुसऱ्या दिवशी आठ पात्र ठरलेल्या संघांमध्ये उपांत्य फेरी पार पडली. या फेरीचे परीक्षण विधी विभागातील माजी विद्यार्थ्यांनी केले. अंतिम फेरीचे परीक्षण निवृत्त न्यायाधीश जी. एम. कुबडे, निवृत्त न्यायाधीश विजय धांडे यांनी केले.

परीक्षकांनी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या प्रयत्नांचे कौतुक करत न्यायालयीन शिष्टाचार, युक्तिवाद मांडणी आणि व्यावसायिक नैतिकतेविषयी मार्गदर्शन केले. टीम एक मधील तन्वी यादव आणि अनय धकाते यांनी स्पर्धेत प्रथम क्रमांक तर टीम पाचमधील अनुश्री राहाटे आणि ओजस गाडे यांनी द्वितीय क्रमांक पटकावला.

भक्ती मेहर यांना सर्वोत्कृष्ट वकील व गौरी देशमुख आणि लिखिता यांना सर्वोत्कृष्ट मेमोरियल पुरस्कार देण्यात आला.

कार्यक्रमाला प्राचार्य डॉ. दीपा पान्हेकर आणि विधी विभागप्रमुख डॉ. व्ही. व्ही. देशपांडे व प्राध्यापक उपस्थित होते. डॉ. वैशाली सुखदेवे आणि सेठी यांनी आयोजनासाठी परिश्रम घेतले. विद्यार्थी स्टुडंट्स मूट कोर्ट असोसिएशनच्या सदस्यांनीही आयोजनात सहभाग नोंदवला. असोसिएशनच्या अध्यक्षा सुमृधा अग्रवाल यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली सर्व सदस्यांनी स्पर्धा यशस्वी करण्यासाठी मोलाचे योगदान दिले.



नागपूर : डॉ. आंबेडकर कॉलेजमध्ये आयोजित इन-हाऊस ट्रायल अॅडव्होकेसी स्पर्धेत सहभागी झालेले विद्यार्थी.

## Ambedkar College's Law dept conducts advocacy contest

**D**epartment of law at Dr Ambedkar College hosted its first in-house trial advocacy competition. The two-day event aimed to bridge the gap between academic theory and practical courtroom skills for aspiring legal professionals. Team I, featuring Tanvi Yadav and Anay Dhakate, emerged as the overall winners. The final stage was presided over by distinguished retired judges, GM Kubade and Vijay Dhande. The event was overseen by principal Deepa Panhekar and HoD VV Deshpande. Vaishali Sukhdeve and Navjyot Sethi were the organisers. (Reporting: Gouri Gokhale)





