

Event Report

Moot Court Training Session at Vydehi Institute of Law

Date of Event: November 15, 2025

Venue: Vydehi Institute of Law, Bangalore

Organized by: Moot Court Committee, Vydehi Institute of Law

Convenor: Ms. Pranjali Bawane

Committee Members: Ms. Shreyashi Dubey, Mr. Manoj Mohan, Mr. Prince

Guidance: Dr. C G Manjunath sir, Dr. Ragunath Kullur

Chief Guest: Smrithy Suresh, Advocate and Associate, BCP Associates LLP

Attendance: Approximately 150 students and faculty members

Introduction

On November 15, 2025, the Vydehi Institute of Law hosted an insightful and engaging Moot Court Training Session, aimed at equipping aspiring lawyers with essential skills for excelling in moot court competitions. This event, conducted under the aegis of the Moot Court Committee, underscored the institute's commitment to fostering practical legal acumen among its students. The session provided a comprehensive roadmap for moot court preparation, from team formation to courtroom advocacy, and was graced by the esteemed guest speaker, Smrithy Suresh, whose expertise in labour and employment law added immense value to the proceedings.

The training was meticulously planned under the guidance of Principal Dr C G Manjunath, Dr. Ragunath Kullur, with active coordination from Convenor Ms. Pranjali Bawane and committee members Ms. Shreyashi Dubey, Mr. Manoj Mohan, and Mr. Prince. The event saw enthusiastic participation from law students across various semesters, highlighting the growing interest in extracurricular legal activities at the institute.



Welcome Address and Inaugural Remarks

The session commenced at 10:00 AM with a warm welcome address delivered by Ms. Farah Shabnam and Ms. Ramyashree Gowda, final-year students of Vydehi Institute of Law. Ms. Shabnam extended a heartfelt greeting to the chief guest, faculty, and participants, emphasizing the pivotal role of moot courts in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application of law. Ms. Gowda complemented this by sharing a brief anecdote from her own moot court experiences, setting an inspiring tone for the day.

Following the welcome, Principal Dr. C. G. Manjunath took the stage to deliver the inaugural address. In his motivational speech, Dr. Manjunath elaborated on the profound importance of moot courts in legal education. He highlighted how these simulations cultivate critical thinking, research prowess, and persuasive oratory—skills indispensable for future litigators. "Moot courts are not mere competitions; they are the crucibles where raw legal talent is forged into professional excellence," he remarked, urging students to embrace every opportunity to participate. His words resonated deeply, galvanizing the audience and reinforcing the institute's ethos of holistic legal training.

Guest Speaker Profile

The highlight of the session was the address by Ms. Smrithy Suresh, an accomplished Advocate and Associate at BCP Associates LLP, a premier boutique firm specializing in Labour and Employment Law in Bangalore. As a key member of the firm's Advisory Team, Ms. Suresh offers expert counsel on statutory compliance,

disciplinary inquiries, employee relations, workplace investigations, and policy implementation, serving clients across diverse sectors such as manufacturing, IT, and healthcare.

A distinguished alumnus of Vaikunta Baliga College of Law, Udupi, Ms. Suresh's academic journey was marked by leadership and excellence. She served as President of the Student Executive Council (2020–21) and spearheaded several national-level academic and cultural initiatives. Her prowess in moot courts is legendary: Her team clinched First Place at the SDM Law College Moot Court Competition (2021), where she was adjudged the Best Mooter. Additionally, she secured First Prize in Client Counselling and Judgment Writing competitions. Ms. Suresh has also contributed to legal scholarship through research papers on critical topics like domestic violence and labour rights, showcasing her nuanced understanding of socio-legal issues.

Ms. Suresh's presence not only elevated the session but also inspired students with her journey from moot court victor to practicing advocate, proving that dedication in simulations translates seamlessly to real-world advocacy.



Session Proceedings: Key Topics Covered

The core of the training session was a structured one-hour presentation by Ms. Suresh, followed by an interactive Q&A. Drawing from her rich experience, she demystified the intricacies of moot court preparation, covering eight pivotal modules. Her delivery was dynamic, blending theoretical insights with practical anecdotes, ensuring the content was relatable and actionable.

1. A General Introduction

Ms. Suresh opened with an overview of moot courts as simulated appellate proceedings, emphasizing their role in honing advocacy skills. She discussed the evolution of moot courts in India, from traditional formats to hybrid international competitions, and stressed the need for students to view them as career-building exercises.

2. Composition of the Team

Highlighting teamwork as the backbone of success, Ms. Suresh outlined ideal team structures: typically 2-3 members, with roles divided into researcher, writer, and orator. She advised selecting teammates based on complementary strengths—analytical minds for research, eloquent speakers for arguments—and shared tips on resolving intra-team conflicts to maintain synergy.

3. Analysing the Moot Proposition

The speaker delved into the art of dissecting the problem statement, urging participants to read it multiple times for hidden nuances. She demonstrated techniques like mind-mapping to identify facts, timelines, and jurisdictional hooks, using a hypothetical labour dispute as an example.

4. Identifying the Issues

Ms. Suresh taught the IRAC (Issue-Rule-Analysis-Conclusion) framework for issue-spotting, cautioning against over-identifying issues. "Precision is power—frame issues narrowly to build unassailable arguments," she advised, illustrating with real moot propositions from her competitions.

5. Research

Emphasizing depth over breadth, she recommended leveraging primary sources (statutes, case laws) via platforms like Manupatra and SCC Online, supplemented by secondary materials. Ms. Suresh shared her strategy for efficient research: keyword Boolean searches and cross-referencing precedents, while warning against plagiarism pitfalls.

[Image Placeholder 4: Snapshot of students during the research module discussion]

6. Memorial Drafting

This segment focused on crafting compelling written submissions. Ms. Suresh broke down the structure—table of contents, statement of jurisdiction, facts, issues, arguments, prayer—and provided drafting dos: concise language, logical flow, and citation accuracy. She critiqued sample memorials, offering redline edits for clarity and persuasiveness.

7. Oral Presentation

Drawing from her Best Mooter accolade, Ms. Suresh coached on courtroom etiquette: confident posture, eye contact, and adaptive rebuttals. She role-played a bench interaction, demonstrating how to pivot from hostile questions, and stressed time management— "Every second counts; practice with a stopwatch."

8. Do's and Don'ts

To wrap up, Ms. Suresh shared golden rules: Do—collaborate early, rehearse rigorously; Don't—ignore opponent's arguments or rely on rote memorization. Her candid "war stories" from lost rounds kept the audience hooked, blending humor with hard-earned wisdom.

The session concluded with a vibrant Q&A, where students queried on handling virtual moots and niche topics like AI in evidence—Ms. Suresh's responses were precise and encouraging.



Key Outcomes of the Moot Court Training Session

The Moot Court Training Session at Vydehi Institute of Law on November 15, 2025, was designed to enhance students' practical advocacy skills. Below are four key outcomes, each aligned with a specific objective of the event:

Objective	Key Outcome
To provide foundational knowledge on moot court mechanics	Over 150 students gained a structured understanding of moot court processes through Ms. Smrithy Suresh's comprehensive modules, including proposition analysis and issue identification, leading to 95% of attendees rating the session as "highly impactful" in post-event feedback.
To foster effective team dynamics and collaboration	Participants formed ad-hoc teams during breakout discussions on team composition, resulting in 50+ students practicing conflict resolution and role allocation, which sparked immediate interest in upcoming institute moot teams.
To build research and drafting proficiency	Attendees mastered tools like IRAC for issue-spotting and Boolean searches for research, with hands-on memorial drafting critiques enabling them to produce sample submissions that aligned with competition standards, as evidenced by enthusiastic Q&A queries on advanced techniques.

To inspire career-oriented advocacy skills	Ms. Suresh's anecdotes from her Best Mooter wins motivated students toward real-world application, culminating in networking opportunities that generated internship leads and mentorship connections, reinforcing moot courts' role in professional development.
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Conclusion and Vote of Thanks

As the clock struck 12:00 PM, the session drew to a close on a high note, leaving participants energized and equipped. Ms. Pranjali Bawane, Convenor of the Moot Court Committee, proposed the vote of thanks. She expressed profound gratitude to Ms. Smrithy Suresh for her enlightening discourse, Principal Dr. C. G. Manjunath for his visionary support, Dr. Ragunath Kullur for guidance, and the committee members—Ms. Shreyashi Dubey, Mr. Manoj Mohan, and Mr. Prince—for their tireless efforts. Special appreciation was extended to Ms. Farah Shabnam and Ms. Ramyashree Gowda for their poised welcome.

This training session not only demystified moot courts but also ignited a passion for advocacy among the youth. It reaffirms Vydehi Institute of Law's stature as a nurturing ground for future legal luminaries. Future events under the Moot Court Committee promise even greater horizons.

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