



REPORT ON ONE DAY CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP-2024
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Brief Overview of the Programme

On July 27, 2024, Vidyavardhaka Law College, career guidance cell in association with Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi hosted a one-day career guidance workshop specifically tailored for final-year students. The event aimed to equip students with the necessary skills and insights to successfully navigate the competitive job market and transition from academic life to professional career.

The workshop commenced at 10:00 AM at Sri PM Chikkaboraiah hall on 27th July 2024 with welcome and deep introduction speech delivered by Dr P Deepu, Principal Vidyavardhaka law college, Mysuru.



The workshop began with an inspiring inauguration by Hon'ble Sri Ravindra Hegde, Principal District and Sessions Judge of Mysore. His address set the tone for the day, emphasizing the importance of career planning and professional development in the legal field. Hon'ble judge highlighted various career opportunities and shared his own experiences to motivate the students.

Following the inauguration, Gundappa Gowda Sir delivered the presidential address, reinforcing the college's commitment to student development and success. He stressed the significance of such workshops in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical application, thereby enhancing the employability of graduates. His words underscored the college's dedication to providing comprehensive career support to its students.

The workshop was structured into several technical sessions, each focusing on different aspects of career development. These sessions were led by esteemed professionals and academicians who brought their expertise and insights to the students. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including career opportunities in law, personality development, and essential professional skills. The interactive nature of the workshop allowed students to engage with the speakers, ask questions, and participate in discussions. This interactive format ensured that students could receive personalized feedback and practical advice tailored to their individual career aspirations.

Overall, the one-day career guidance workshop was a resounding success, attended by about 200 students from different colleges and several faculty members. It provided a valuable platform for students to gain insights into the legal profession, develop essential skills, and prepare for their future careers. The workshop underscored Vidyavardhaka Law College's commitment to fostering the professional growth and development of students, ensuring they are well-equipped to face the challenges of the legal job market.

INAUGURATION

The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Sri Ravindra Hegde, Principal District and Sessions Judge of Mysore, who was invited as the chief guest to inaugurate the workshop.



The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by Dr P Deepu, principal vidyavardhaka law college, setting a tone of enthusiasm and eagerness for the day's proceedings. Judge Ravindra Hegde, in his inaugural address, emphasized the critical importance of career guidance for law students standing at the threshold of their professional journeys. He highlighted the diverse opportunities available within the legal profession and underscored the significance of making informed career choices.



Judge Hegde shared his insights on the evolving legal landscape and the various sectors within it, such as judicial services, private practice, corporate law, and public sector roles. His personal anecdotes and professional experiences served as a source of inspiration for the students, illustrating the potential paths they could pursue with dedication and hard work. He encouraged the students to stay committed to their goals and to continuously seek growth and development in their chosen fields.



Following Judge Hegde's address, the presidential speech was delivered by Gundappa Gowda Sir. In his address, Sir reaffirmed the college's unwavering commitment to student development. He spoke about the institution's efforts in organizing such workshops to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice. He emphasized the importance of workshops like these in equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their careers.



The inauguration also featured a vote of thanks by Dr. Prakruthi, Asst. Professor, VVLC who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the chief guest, speakers, organizers, and participants. She highlighted the collaborative effort that went into making the event possible and thanked everyone for their valuable contributions. Her vote of thanks acknowledged the pivotal role of such events in enriching the educational experience of the students. The inaugural session set a positive and motivational tone for the rest of the workshop. It was not only informative but also inspiring, as it encouraged students to take proactive steps towards their career development. The insights and encouragement provided by the dignitaries were well-received by the students. Overall, the inauguration of the career guidance workshop was a resounding success. It effectively highlighted the importance of career planning and professional growth, and it served as a perfect kickoff for a day filled with valuable learning and development opportunities.

TECHNICAL SESSION 1

Topic: Career Opportunities in Law

The first technical session of the career guidance workshop at Vidyavardhaka Law College, held from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, focused on "Career Opportunities in Law" and was led by Dr. K. B. Kempegowda, Principal of Vivekananda Law College, Bengaluru. The session was moderated by Sri Ningegowda H.C., Assistant Professor at VVLC Mysore.



Dr. Kempegowda began his address by acknowledging the traditional pathways in law practice, which most students are already familiar with. Instead, he chose to delve into less conventional yet increasingly significant career avenues. He emphasized the importance of exploring opportunities beyond traditional law practice and highlighted the role of in-house chambers, specifically corporate lawyers. He underscored the need for students to have a foundational understanding of various legal topics (10% knowledge) while relying predominantly on common sense and practical wisdom (90%) in their legal careers.

Dr. Kempegowda advised students to excel in one particular area of law, suggesting that specialization can significantly enhance their career prospects. He encouraged students to pursue additional qualifications, such as certificate courses in cyber law forensics, banking, housing finance, mediation, and arbitration. He expanded on the relevance of legal expertise in the software industry, pointing out roles in HR management, auditing, legal cells, taxation, and accounting. Dr. Kempegowda stressed the importance of adapting to contemporary job markets and highlighted emerging roles for law graduates, such as legal and investigative journalism, positions within NGOs, law clerkships, and work in Legal Process Outsourcing (LPO). Additionally, he encouraged students interested in criminology to read Sutherland's book on criminology, recognizing the significance of this field in modern legal practice. Dr. Kempegowda also discussed various other roles, including administrative law officers, intellectual property rights (IPR) specialists, public prosecutors (PP), judicial officers, and para-legal positions.

Throughout the session, he emphasized the importance of staying informed about current trends and developments in the legal profession. He urged students to continuously seek knowledge and skills that would set them apart in a competitive job market. His practical advice and insights provided the students with a broader perspective on the diverse career opportunities available to law graduates today. The insights shared during this session were invaluable, providing students with a roadmap for exploring and pursuing varied and rewarding career paths in law.



TECHNICAL SESSION 2

Topic: Personality Development for Young Minds

The second technical session of the career guidance workshop at Vidyavardhaka Law College, held from 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM, focused on "Personality Development for Young Minds" and was conducted by Prof. D. Anand, a professor at the BN Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, Manasagangotri, Mysore. The session was moderated by Sri Mohan Kumar N, Assistant Professor at VVLC, Mysore.

Prof. Anand commenced his session with an engaging story from "Vaddaradhane" by Shivakoticharya, noted as the earliest extant prose work in Kannada. This story served as a prelude to his discussion on personality development, emphasizing the cultural and historical depth of the concept.



He explained that the word "personality" is derived from the Greek word "personare," which means "outfit" or "mask." Prof. Anand highlighted that personality development is a lifelong process, involving an amalgam of physical and psychological characteristics. He elaborated that these psychological characteristics include perception, attitude, values, learning, and motivation, and he provided detailed explanations for each. He emphasized the holistic nature of personality, which encompasses both physical attributes and psychological traits. He stressed that developing a balanced personality involves cultivating positive attitudes, strong values, and continuous learning and motivation. One of the key quotes he used to illustrate his point was "Kind heart behind bloody hands," emphasizing the complexity and depth of human character. He also quoted Abraham Lincoln, stating, "Have pride in your own deeds even if the world calls you mad," to inspire students to maintain self-belief and integrity despite external judgments. Before delving into these core aspects of personality development, he gave a brief introduction about active and passive listening. He highlighted the importance of active listening as a crucial skill in personal and professional development, contrasting it with passive listening to underscore its value.



The session was highly interactive, allowing students to engage with him and delve deeper into the concepts he presented. The interactive format encouraged students to share their thoughts and experiences, making the session dynamic and participatory. His session provided valuable insights into the importance of personality development for young minds, stressing that it is a continuous journey of growth and improvement. His use of historical anecdotes, inspirational quotes, and practical advice resonated with the students, leaving a lasting impact on their approach to personal and professional growth. The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, where students posed questions and received personalized feedback from prof. Anand. His practical tips and profound insights equipped the students with a better understanding of personality development and its significance in achieving success in their careers and personal lives.



VALEDICTORY

The one-day career guidance workshop at Vidyavardhaka Law College concluded with a valedictory session from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, presided over and addressed by Er. Shivalingaiah S, Chairman of CMC, VVLC Mysore. Er. Shivalingaiah began by commending the efforts of organizers, speakers, and participants, emphasizing the importance of career guidance and personality development in shaping the future of law graduates. He reflected on the key topics discussed throughout the day and encouraged students to apply the insights gained to their professional journeys with dedication and integrity.



He also highlighted the evolving landscape of the legal profession and the importance of specialization and continuous learning. Er. Shivalingaiah expressed his gratitude to all guest speakers, faculty members, and students for their active participation.

The session concluded with distributing certificates to participants from various law colleges, recognizing their engagement and contribution to the workshop. This gesture marked a fitting end to a day of learning and inspiration, leaving students motivated to pursue their career goals with renewed enthusiasm.



