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ANTI-RAGGING CELL REPORT

TOPIC: WEBINAR ON THE ILL EFFECTS OF BULLYING AND THE NEED TO PREVENT AND CURB IT

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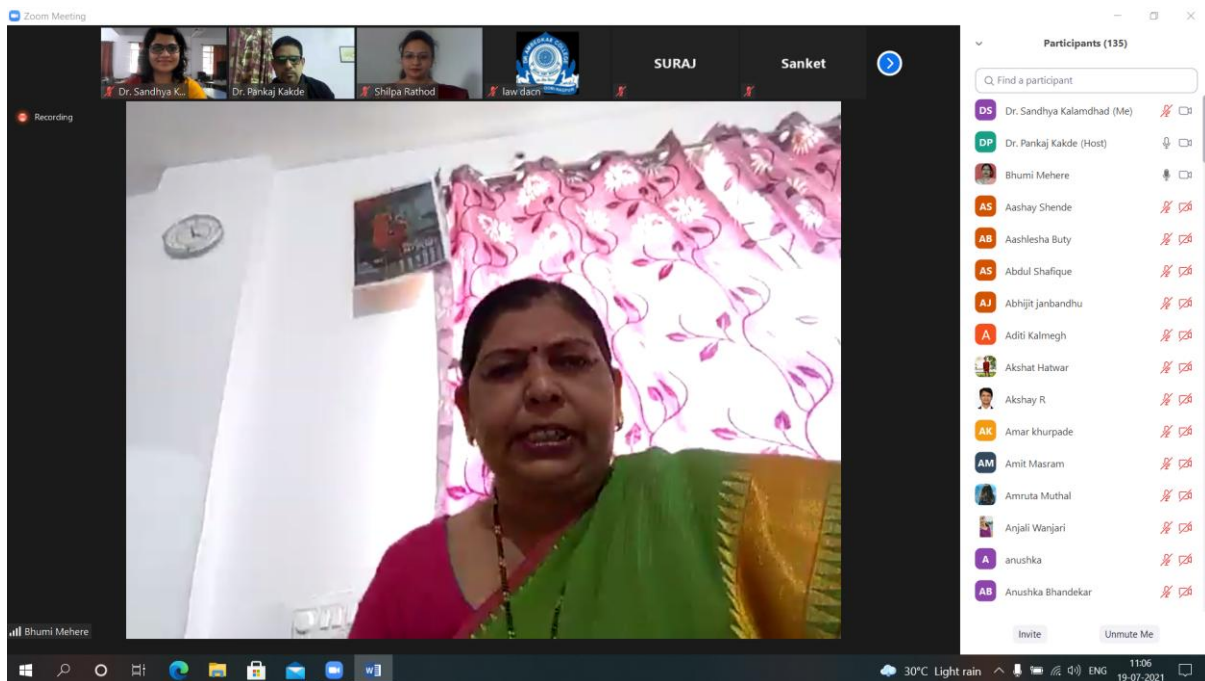
Date: 19th July 2021. Zoom Online Meeting 11:00 AM.

A Webinar on the 'Ill Effects of Bullying and the Need to Prevent and Curb it' was organized under the aegis of the Anti-Ragging Cell of the college to sensitize the students on the ill effects of ragging and the legal repercussions thereon. Resource Person Dr. PankajKakde dealt at length on the subject and opined that bullying could happen anywhere to anyone and is not campus specific, but ragging is campus specific. He very well brought out three aspects of ragging in consideration namely;

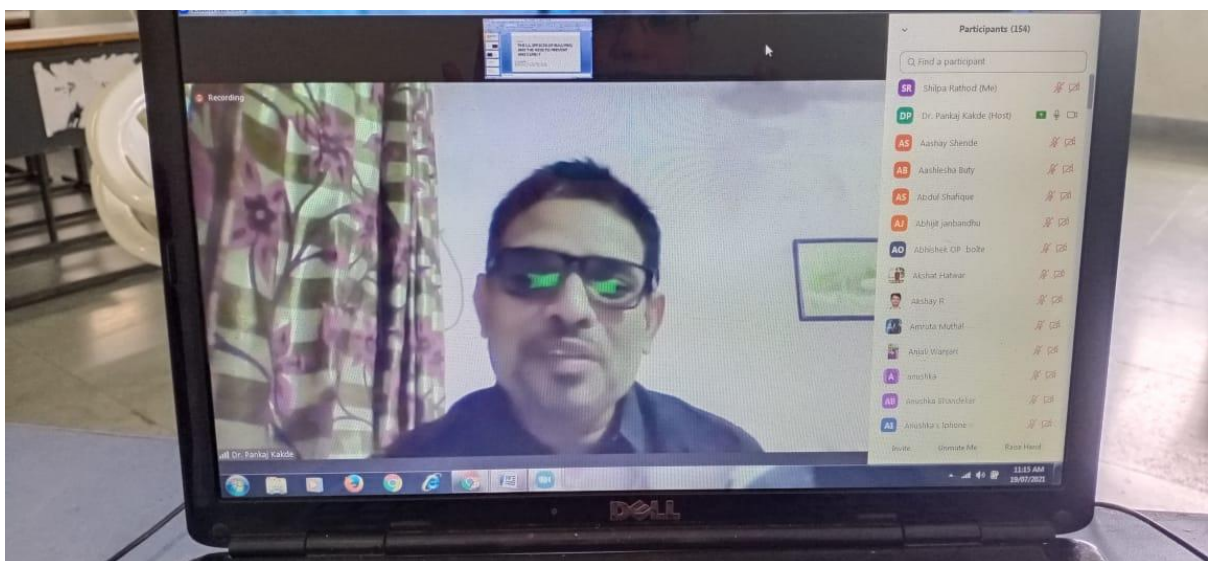
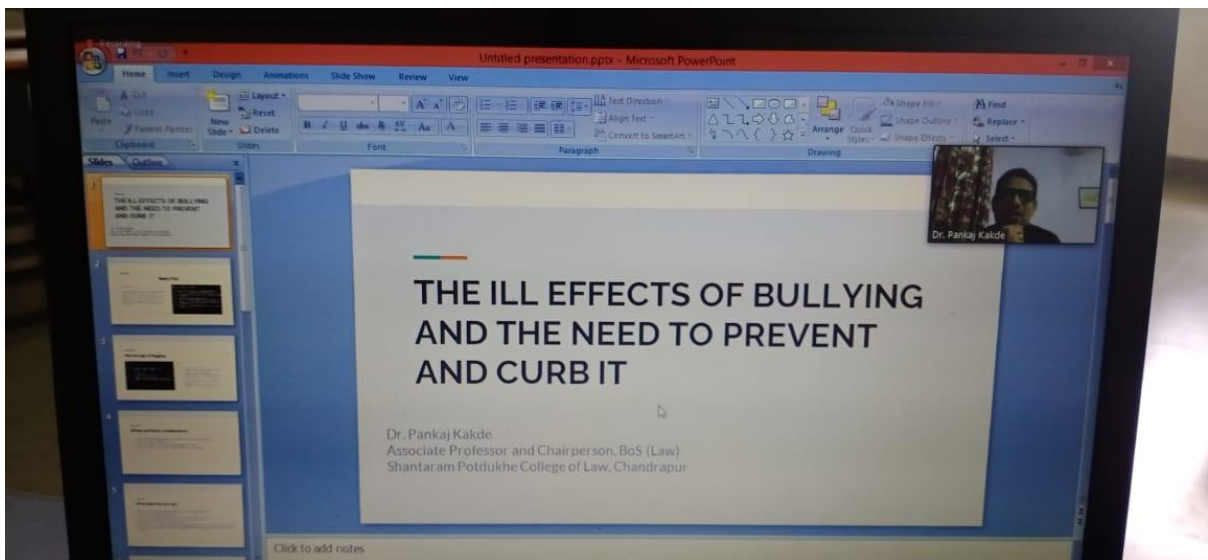
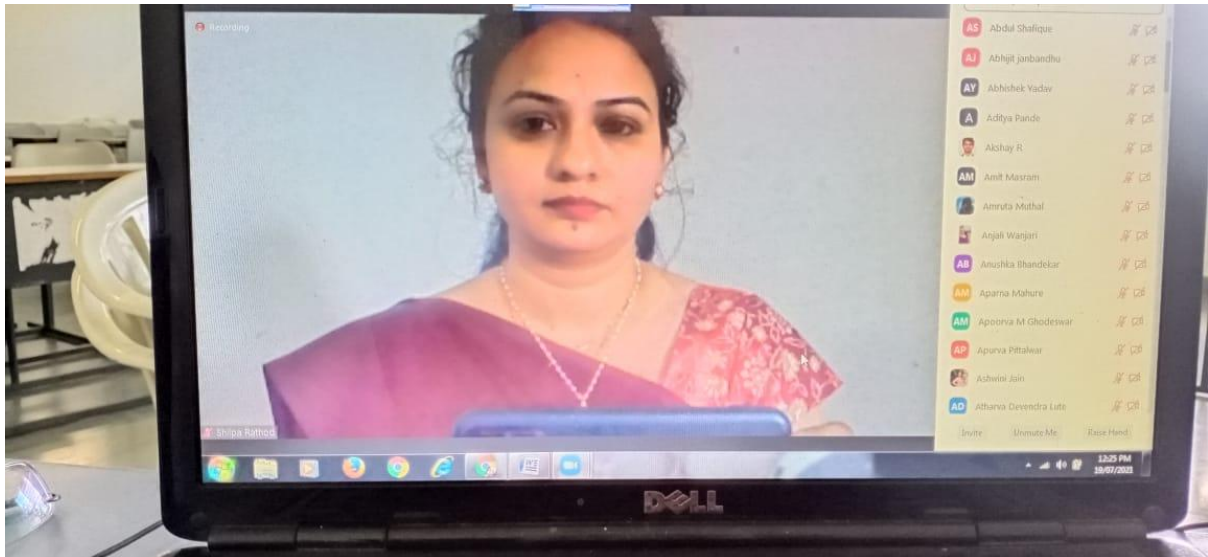
- a) Psychological Perspective
- b) Moral and Ethical Perspective and
- c) Legal Perspective.

Explaining each perspective in detail, he first defined ragging as a conduct which is not orderly and that which causes shame to students on whom it is being inflicted. Most of the universities, he cited are ragging free since committees are formed to prevent it. But all this is just on a superficial level since a helpline introduced in the year 2012 for facilitation of students who have been victims of ragging reported 6,800 complaints in the year 2018 alone. 84% cases in campuses are unreported and the fact is quite disturbing. The regulation brought about by UGC was implemented in Higher Education Institutions all across the country, but despite it cases are on the rise again. The picture is very dismal with 100 students per year punished for the offence of ragging. Several victims have committed suicide and many students have left campuses because of the horrors of ragging. In the light of all this what makes students support the act of ragging is still inconceivable. Dr. Kakde then dealt at length with the psychological perspective where he opined that ragging is not normal but very cruel and exceptional, though it is widely accepted and glorified in movies also. Ragging, he said is an example of the poor life skill of the one who rags. It is a sadist act.

Speaking on the moral and ethical considerations, he said that ethics govern a person's behavior and ragging doesn't fit in when looked at from this perspective. As regards the legal perspective, Dr. Kakde informed that there are provisions under Indian Penal Code against the offences of ragging. UGC opted for regulations as per the Raghavan Committee in 2007. Higher Education Institutions need to be more transparent and publish whatever steps they are taking to prevent and curb ragging, so that students are aware of it right from the beginning. Presently, Anti-Ragging Committees have been made mandatory in HEIs. Anti-Ragging helpline is also very important. As per UGC regulations 2009, separate hostels for freshers have also been made mandatory. So, this is the whole scenario as per laws against ragging is concerned. The lecture was very informative and fruitful. Around 200 students participated in the webinar. Mrs. Shilpa Rathod ably conducted the proceedings and proposed the vote of thanks. Along with Coordinator, Dr. Sandhya Kalamdhad, and Committee members Dr. Dhanashri Borikar, Dr. Priti Singh, Dr. Utpal Dongre, and Mrs. Shilpa Rathod, the webinar was conducted successfully.



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