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College of Law

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Date: 5th April 2022

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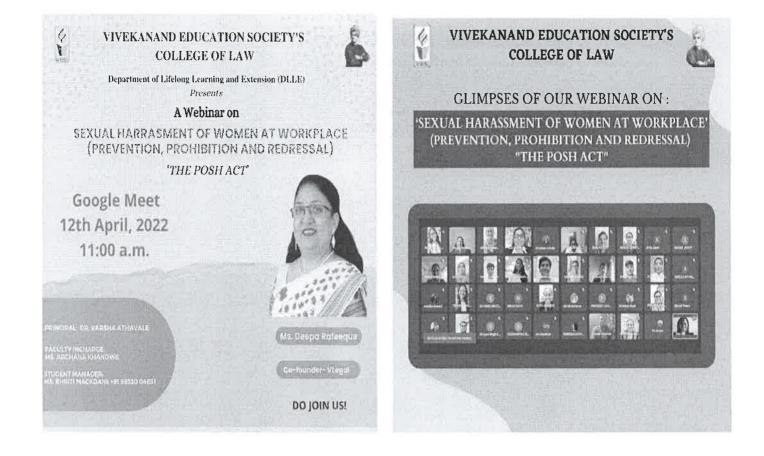
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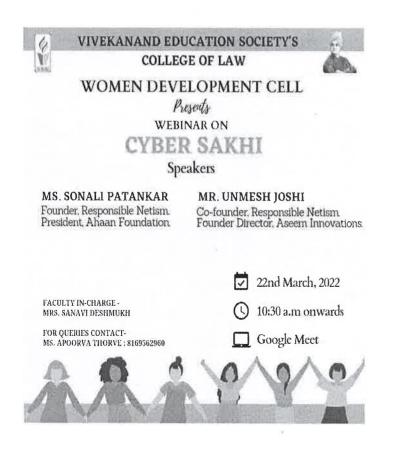


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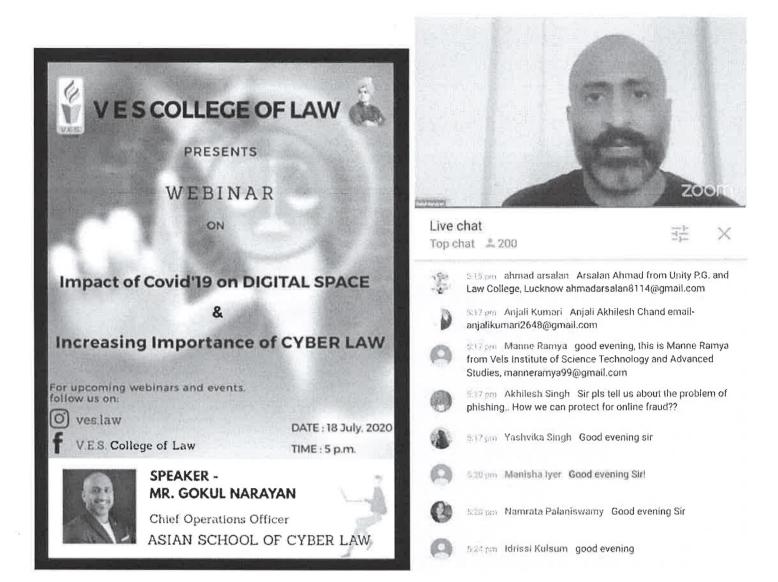
V.E.S College of Law organized a Webinar on

' The POSH Act' on 12th April 2022 to make legal awareness relating to sexual harassment of women at workplace



V.E.S College of Law under Women Development Cell conduced webinar on 'Cyber Sakhi' on 22nd March, 2022 to make students aware about cyber crimes, protection against it and legal awareness.





Webinar was conducted on 'Impact of Covid'19 on Digital Space and Importance of Cyber Law' on 18th July 2020 to make aware about the increase of cyber crimes during covid period including digital crimes against women and protection against it.





V.E.S College of Law organises Orientation/Induction programme for newly admitted students. They are given detail information relating to various committees in the college including Anti-Ragging committee and Women Sexual harassment committee.





Anti Ragging posters are displayed on the notice board of the college near the office and in the premises of the college. This is done to spread awareness among the students to know what is ragging or what is the procedure to file the complaint, emergency contact number of the committee, etc.



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Criteria 5.1.4

The institution has a transparent mechanism for timely redressal of student grievance including Sexual harassment and Anti Ragging cases as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee/Cell	Members of the Committee	
1.	Sexual Harassment Committee	I/CPrincipal Mrs. Varsha Athavale – president Mrs. Sangeeta Punekar- NGO Member Asst. Prof. Mrs.Sanavi Deshmukh- Member Asst. Prof. Mrs. Jayshree Kanchanpurkar- Member Asst. Prof. Bhushan Shinde- Member Asst Prof. Deepali Babar- Member Prerana Bhandare-Registrar- Member	
2	Anti Ragging Committee	Asst. Prof. Mrs. Sanavi Deshmukh Asst. Prof. Mrs. Jayshree Kanchanpurkar- Member Asst. Prof. Bhushan Shinde- Member	



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Date: 27/07/2021

Notice

This is to notify that the meeting of the Sexual Harassment Grievance Committee is scheduled on August 3rd, 2021, at 10am in the Principal Cabin

This meeting marks the first gathering of the committee for the academic year 2021-2022. As members of this committee, your presence and active participation are vital to addressing and resolving issues related to sexual harassment within our academic community.

Agenda:

- a. Introduction and welcome
- b. Review of committee objectives and responsibilities
- c. Overview of sexual harassment policies and procedures
- d. Discussion of any reported cases or concerns
- e. Planning for educational and awareness programs

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the meeting, please inform the committee coordinator at the earliest.

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Minutes of the Meeting

Sexual Harassment Grievance Committee

Date: 3rd August 2021

Venue: Principal's Cabin

Attendees:

President: I/C Principal Mrs. Varsha Athavale

Member: Mrs. Sangeeta Punekar (NGO Member)

Member: Mrs. Sanavi Deshmukh

Member: Mrs. Jayshree Kanchanpurkar

Member: Mr. Bhushan Shinde

Member: Mrs. Deepali Babar

Member: Prerana Bhandari

Agenda:

To frame various policies to combat the practice of Sexual Harassment for the academic year 2021-2022

The first meeting of the Sexual Harassment Grievance Cell for the academic year 2021-2022 was organized in the Principal's Cabin. The meeting commenced at 10 am.

Reading and Continuation of Minutes-the President of the committee began the meeting by reading the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were reviewed and discussed by the committee members.

No objections or modifications were raised by the committee members. So the meeting continued with the agenda of this meeting. Various topics were discussed such as:

- a) Awareness campaigns regarding protection against sexual harassment.
- b) Improvements to the grievance handling process.
- c) Introduction of the committee to students during orientation programs.
- d) Procedure for filing a complaint.
- e) Sharing the contact number of the committee.
- f) Organization of various seminars, defence workshop, etc for students

The meeting ended with vote of thanks

Concluding time: 12PM



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Notice

This is to inform you that the first academic meeting of the Anti-Ragging Committee has been scheduled as follows:

Date: 26th July 2021

Time: 10:30 AM

Venue: Conference Room

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and plan strategies to prevent and address ragging incidents within our institution.

Agenda for the meeting:

- a. Introduction and welcome remarks
- b. Review of the Anti-Ragging Policy and Guidelines
- c. Roles and responsibilities of the Anti-Ragging Committee members
- d. Awareness programs and campaigns
- e. Reporting and investigation procedures
- f. Disciplinary actions and support mechanisms

All concerned faculty members, staff, and student representatives are requested to attend the meeting punctually. Your valuable input and active participation in this committee's work are crucial in ensuring a ragging-free campus for all students.

If you are unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances, please inform the undersigned or the committee coordinator in advance.

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Minutes of the Meeting

Date: July 26th, 2021 Time: 10.30am Venue: Conference Room <u>Attendees:</u> Chairperson- Mrs. Sanavi Deshmukh Member: Jayshree Kanchanpurkar Member: Mr. Bhushan Shinde

Agenda:

To frame policies to prevent anti- ragging.

The first meeting of the Anti-Ragging committee for the academic year 2021-2022 was organized in the Conference Room. The meeting commenced at 10.30am.

All the members of the committee were present. President of the committee began the meeting by reading the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were reviewed and discussed by the committee members.

No objections or modifications were raised by the committee members. So the meeting continued with the agenda of this meeting.

The President of the committee initiated the discussion on measures to prevent ragging within the institution. The following steps were discussed and agreed upon:

a. Sensitization Programs: The institution will organize regular sensitization programs for both freshers and existing students to raise awareness about the consequences of ragging and the importance of maintaining a safe and inclusive environment.

b. Strict Anti-Ragging Policy: The existing anti-ragging policy will be reviewed and strengthened, clearly defining the actions considered as ragging and the corresponding penalties. The policy will be prominently displayed across the campus and shared with all students, faculty, and staff.

c. Reporting Mechanism: A dedicated helpline number will be there for the students to report any incidents of ragging. The anonymity of the complainants will be maintained, and appropriate action will be taken against the offenders.

e. Orientation Programs: As part of the induction process, comprehensive orientation programs will be conducted for new students, explicitly highlighting the institution's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and the support available to victims.

g. Student Committees: Student committees, comprising representatives from different batches, will be formed to actively monitor and address any potential ragging issues. These committees will work in coordination with the faculty and administration.



h. Awareness Campaigns: The institution will launch awareness campaigns, including posters, videos, and workshops, to foster a culture of respect, empathy, and inclusivity, promoting positive interactions among students.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

Concluding time: 12 PM



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Year	No. of grievances appealed	No. of grievances redressed	Average time for grievance redressal in number of days
2017-18	NIL	NIL	NA
2016-17	NIL	NIL	NA
2015-16	NIL	NIL	NA
2014-15	NIL	NIL	NA
2013-14	NIL	NIL	NA

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