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WORLD BRAILLE DAY

On the Birth Anniversary of Louis Braille

Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune

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Right to Reasonable Accommodation and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in the Domain of Education

A Talk by Prof. Dr. Sanjay Jain

Date: 7th January, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/pue-htvf-evk

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Webinar

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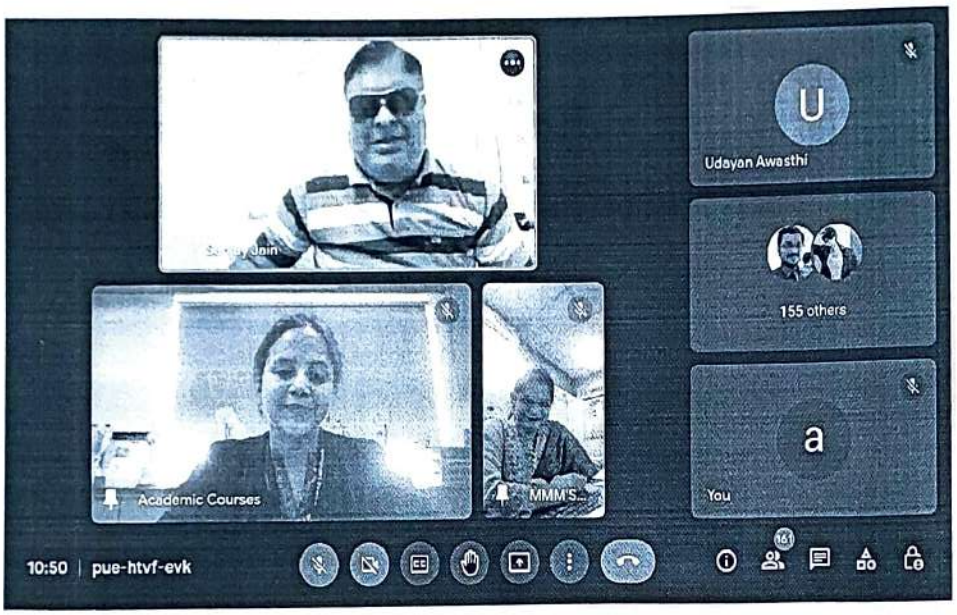
Aim/ Purpose: An online session on the occasion of Braille Day was conducted by Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College's Equal Opportunity Cell on 7th of January 2023, in the morning, via google meet. The programme was pioneered by the Principal Dr. Kranti Deshmukh, and Sociology professor as well as President of Equal Opportunity Cell, Dr. Renu Naidu. The webinar was attended first year BALLB, BBALLB and second year BALLB students.

Resource Person: Professor Dr. Sanjay Jain, former principal of ILS law college, Pune and currently professor in the most prestigious law university, NLSIU was invited as the keynote speaker. Sir is specially abled and yet has overcome all the obstacles and made a quite successful life out of it. Listening to him was truly insightful as he spoke out of his real-life experiences.

Professor Dr. Renu Naidu started by giving a little information about Braille Day and the importance of it. Further she invited by reading the profile of our honourable chief guest Professor Dr. Sanjay Jain. After the welcome speech, Dr. Kranti Deshmukh, Principal of MMSCLC, formally welcomed him and thanked him for his presence.



Dr. Sanjay Jain started his address his address by congratulating our college for the establishment of Equal Opportunity Cell, and also appreciated the initiative for celebrating Braille Day. He mentioned about the orthodox thought of people and their belief that how disabled should conduct events for disabled only. Simply putting, he said, that people lack inclusivity. He also gave a little insight about Louis Braille, and how the braille script emerged. Earlier, as he mentioned, Braille Script used to have 12 dots which was a little too much and it made the whole process a lot more complicated. Louis Braille downsized it to 6 dots and made it extremely easier for people to use.

Dr. Sanjay Jain also pointed out that how it would have been a bane for blind people without the development braille script, and also emphasised on the fact that it is impossible to have an alternative despite of any scientific development.

Coming towards the central topic of discussion, Dr. Sanjay Jain, explained about the types of disabilities which are 21 in number and they are broadly classified into five types-

1. Visual disorder
2. Locomotive disorder
3. Hearing disorder
4. Mental disorder
5. Blood order

He talked about how colleges instead of giving mere reservation, should also be made physically accessible by eliminating all sorts of barrier, he also mentioned a number of ways for doing it, ranging from rubber strip solution, ramp installation and braille script prints on

walls. The most important aspect he mentioned was attitudinal accessibility, he told that how people hesitate in embracing person with disability and lacks communication. The central problem he mentioned was of how people showed especially abled people sympathy and petty them. Instead, he emphasised on how we should empathies with them. He even quoted CJI DY Chandrachud, "Exclusion may or may not be deliberate" which meant that people might not on purpose show petty and exclude them, it might happen without any hard intentions.

He further came towards another important part of the topic of reasonable accommodation, he said that it is not necessary to make provisions for disable children only when the join the institute, in order to make it hospitable one should have all the facilities priorly.

At last, he eloquently mentioned, "Don't kill anyone with kindness" as too much sweet can make things sour. At the end of the session, there was a question-answer round taken up by student volunteers, which was answered very politely by sir. Vote of thanks was given by student volunteer, Piyush and the session ended with Professor Dr. Renu Naidu extending a heartfelt gratitude towards Professor Dr. Sanjay Jain.

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