

Report on the Legal Awareness program conducted for Medical College Students in Nagarkurnool on 4th April 2025



On April 4, 2025, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, organized a legal awareness program for medical college students in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority of Nagarkurnool. The event, which focused on medical ethics and law, took place at the Government Medical College in Nagarkurnool.



Prof. S.V. Damodar Reddy welcomed the guests and participants, explaining the theme of the awareness program. Shri D. Rajesh Babu, Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority and Principal District and Sessions Judge of Nagarkurnool, attended as the chief guest. He addressed the medical students on medico-legal matters, emphasizing the importance of medical certificates concerning injuries issued by doctors, which serve as key documents in criminal investigations.



Smt. Sabitha, Secretary of the District Civil Services Authority and Principal Senior Civil Judge of the Nagarkurnool District Court, spoke on legal issues about post-mortem reports, poison-related cases, and the challenges faced by medical professionals. She also advised the medical students on the consequences of ragging.



A mock trial performed by the Ms.Kavya and Team portrayed a realistic case scenario involving alleged medical negligence, where the plaintiff's condition worsened due to a doctor's medication. In this case, the plaintiff's medical condition deteriorated due to inappropriate medication prescribed by the doctor. To enrich the proceedings, the mock trial incorporated comprehensive patient records, expert witness testimonies from medical professionals, and thorough legal arguments presented by both sides.



The format adhered to standard court procedures, which included structured elements such as opening statements that outlined each party's case, direct and cross-examinations that allowed for rigorous questioning of witnesses, the presentation of substantial evidence to support claims, and well-reasoned closing arguments by both the plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys.

A central theme of the trial was the concept of "Informed Consent," a critical element that emphasizes the necessity of open communication and transparency between healthcare providers and their patients. This aspect highlighted the legal and ethical responsibilities of medical professionals to thoroughly inform patients about the risks and benefits of treatments, thereby ensuring that patients are empowered to make informed decisions about their own healthcare.



Next, Ms. Thejaswini Srikanth, a ICAFI Law School faculty member, delivered a speech on medico-legal ethics. Medico-legal ethics, is an essential aspect of medical practice that bridges law, morality, and professional responsibility.

Firstly, empathy in medical practice is very important as ethical medicine is not just about treating diseases but treating people with dignity and care. Empathy improves trust, patient cooperation, and treatment outcomes. A lack of empathy can lead to patient dissatisfaction, complaints, and even legal disputes.

Every patient has fundamental healthcare rights under Art.21 of Indian constitution, including:

1. Right to Emergency Treatment – No hospital can deny treatment in critical cases.
2. Right to Privacy – Medical records and diagnoses must remain confidential (as upheld in Puttaswamy v. Union of India).
3. Right to Informed Consent – Patients have the right to make decisions about their treatment. Informed consent is an ethical and legal requirement—always explain procedures, risks, and options.

As doctors, balancing patient autonomy, public health, and legal obligations is crucial.

Good Samaritan laws protect doctors and bystanders who assist injured persons in emergencies. In India, the Good Samaritan Guidelines issued by the Supreme Court ensure that, hospitals must provide first aid without demanding payment or personal details. Doctors assisting voluntarily are legally protected from liability.

Medical negligence occurs when a doctor's care falls below the accepted standard, causing harm. Under Bolam's Test, negligence is assessed based on whether a responsible body of medical professionals would act similarly. To prevent legal issues:

1. Keep detailed medical records.
2. Communicate clearly with patients.
3. Follow standard treatment protocols.



The presentation made by the Ms.K.Aishwarya (BALLB, 4th Year) highlighted the significance of legal awareness for medical professionals, especially when handling medico-legal cases and protecting themselves from litigation. It also covered key laws, such as the Consumer Protection Act and notable landmark judgments. The presentation emphasized why legal awareness is crucial for medical professionals, especially in handling medico-legal cases and protecting themselves from litigation. It highlighted key laws like the Consumer Protection Act, IPC, and landmark judgments. Topics included medical ethics, legal accountability, and the importance of valid consent. Real-life scenarios and Supreme Court rulings were used to illustrate ethical dilemmas and legal solutions. The session also addressed the issue of ragging in medical institutions and the legal duty to report it. Overall, it stressed that a legally aware doctor is both safer and more ethically grounded.



Dr. Ramadevi, Principal of Medical College Nagarkurnool, praised the efforts made by the Legal Aid members in addressing various medico-legal issues. The program was conducted under the guidance of Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director of ICFAI Law School, and was organized by the Legal Aid Members of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad. Special thanks were extended to the IFHE Management for providing financial support to organize this legal literacy program.





Legal Awareness Program on Medical Ethics and Law Organized at Government Medical College



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The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Nagarkurnool, conducted a legal awareness program for medical students at Government Medical College, Nagarkurnool. The session, held on Friday, aimed to educate future healthcare professionals on the legal and ethical aspects of medical practice.

The event began with a welcome address by Prof. S.V. Damodar Reddy, who highlighted the importance of legal knowledge in the medical field. Chief Guest Shri D. Rajesh Babu, Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority and Principal District and Sessions Judge, Nagarkurnool, addressed the students, emphasizing the role of medico-legal documentation. He stressed the significance of medical certificates in criminal investigations, underscoring their impact on legal proceedings.

Guest of Honor Smt.

Sabitha, Secretary of the District Civil Services Authority and Principal Senior Civil Judge, Nagarkurnool, discussed key legal concerns related to post-mortem reports, poisoning cases, and the challenges medical professionals encounter. She also spoke about the severe consequences of ragging, urging students to be aware of its legal ramifications.

To provide practical insight, the Legal Aid Society members staged a mock trial based on a medico-legal case involving alleged medical negligence. The trial followed formal courtroom procedures, including witness testimonies, evidence presentation, and legal arguments.

The session particularly emphasized the importance of "Informed Consent" in ensuring transparency between healthcare providers and patients.

Furthering the discussion, Thejaswini Srikanth, faculty member at ICFAI Law School, delivered a lecture on medico-legal ethics, highlighting the intersection of law, morality, and professional responsibility

in medical practice. She elaborated on fundamental healthcare rights under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, including the Right to Emergency Treatment, Right to Privacy, and Right to Informed Consent.

A PowerPoint presentation by Legal Aid members covered essential legal frameworks relevant to the medical field, including the Consumer Protection Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The presentation also discussed landmark judicial rulings, reinforcing the need for legal awareness among medical professionals.

Dr. Ramadevi, Principal of Government Medical College, Nagarkurnool, commended the initiative for addressing crucial medico-legal issues. The event was conducted under the guidance of Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director of ICFAI Law School, and organized by the Legal Aid Society members. Financial support from IFHE Management enabled the successful execution of the program, reflecting their commitment to promoting legal literacy.



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Speakers focus on medical ethics, law

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The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Nagarkurnool, organised a legal awareness programme for medical students on Friday, at Government Medical College, Nagarkurnool. The session focused on medical ethics and law, aiming to educate future healthcare professionals on legal aspects related to medical practice. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof SV Damodar Reddy, who introduced the theme and emphasised the importance of legal knowledge in the medical field. D Rajesh Babu, Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority and Principal District Sessions Judge, Nagarkurnool, attended as the chief guest.

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certificates in criminal investigations. Sabitha, Secretary of the District Civil Services Authority and Principal Senior Civil Judge, Nagarkurnool, elaborated on legal concerns surrounding post-mortem reports, poisoning cases, and challenges faced by medical professionals. She also discussed the serious consequences of ragging, urging students to be aware of its legal implications.

A mock trial conducted by the Legal Aid Society members brought a medico-legal scenario to life, featuring a case of alleged medical negligence.

The trial followed standard court procedures, including opening statements, witness testimonies, presentation of evidence, and closing arguments.

The demonstration underscored the importance of "Informed Consent" in fostering transparency between healthcare providers and patients.

Thejaswini Srikanth, faculty member at ICFAI Law School, delivered a lecture on medico-legal ethics, emphasising the intersection of law, morality, and professional responsibility in medical practice. A PowerPoint presentation by Legal Aid members further stressed the need for legal awareness among medical professionals, covering key legislations such as the Consumer Protection Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), along with landmark judicial rulings. Dr. Ramadevi, Principal of Government Medical College, Nagarkurnool, commended the initiative for shedding light on crucial medico-legal issues.

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HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday, under the auspices of the District Legal Service Authority Nagarkurnool and ICFAI Law School, a legal awareness conference was held at the Medical College in Uyyalavada, Nagarkurnool. The event was graced by the presence of D. Rajesh Babu, Principal, District and Sessions Judge, as the chief guest.