



**Centre for Excellence in Criminal Law, ICFAI Law School,  
ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad**

in Collaboration with

**The National Institute of Mental Health and  
Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore**

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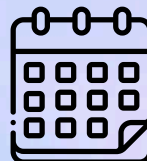
# Two-day Conference on Mental Health Law and Criminal Behaviour

Venue ICFAI Law  
School, IFHE,  
Hyderabad

Mode of conference : In-person



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**Date of Conference:**

4th and 5th April 2025



## THE ICFAI FOUNDATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, is a deemed-to-be university established under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, and accredited by the UGC NAAC with an “A++” Grade. IFHE has evolved a comprehensive, student-centric learning approach consisting of several stages designed to add significant value to the learner's understanding in an integrated manner. This approach covers relevant knowledge, practical skills, and a positive attitude. IFHE offers courses in Management, Engineering, and Law. The university provides world-class, innovative, career-oriented professional programs through inclusive, technology-aided pedagogies to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills, social sensitivity, and a high sense of ethics. IFHE strives to create an intellectually stimulating environment for research, particularly in areas bearing on the socio-economic and cultural development of the state and the nation.



## THE ICFAI LAW SCHOOL

The ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, is a promising destination for students aspiring to pursue a career in law. It is an integral part of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, a deemed-to-be University, and its programs are recognized by the Bar Council of India. The school offers a five-year integrated BBA. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) program, an LL.M. program in ADR, Corporate and Commercial Laws, Criminal Law, and Tax Laws, a Ph.D. program (full-time and part-time), and ten certificate courses in various contemporary legal subjects. ICFAI Law School has established six Centers of Excellence: Center for Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws, Center for Excellence for Corporate and Commercial Law, Center for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights, Center for Excellence on Cyber Law and Data Protection, Center for Excellence in Criminal Law, Center for Excellence for Management Studies. The school has been recognized for its academic excellence: Ranked 2nd among the Top Law Schools of Southern India by CSR. Ranked 36th in the NIRF rankings of 2024 in the law category. ICFAI Law School is a member of the International Association of Law Schools, USA, and has collaborated with renowned institutions such as: School of Law, University of Pittsburgh, Delaware Law School, Widener University, New Castle University, Australia, Asian Law Institute.

## THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW

The Center for Excellence in Criminal Law was established in January 2020. It serves as a platform to raise awareness about critical and often overlooked issues within crime and criminal law. The Center aims to engage all stakeholders, including professionals, academics, students, and members of the community, in extensive research and related activities that contribute to addressing various challenges within the criminal justice system. It seeks to provide a valuable forum for discussing modern approaches to criminal law and allied branches. The overarching philosophy of the Center is to promote a humanitarian approach where crime prevention is the ultimate objective, and offenders are treated with wisdom and understanding. The Center strives to extend this philosophy to both individuals and institutions, recognizing that their active involvement and insights are crucial for improving the effectiveness of crime control mechanisms within our society.



## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEURO SCIENCES (NIMHANS)

National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, is a world-renowned center of excellence in the realm of mental health and neurosciences. NIMHANS embodies a tripartite mission of delivering unparalleled patient care, conducting pioneering research, and imparting cutting-edge training. The institute houses nearly 20 specialized clinics tailored to provide disease-specific, patient-centric treatment. At NIMHANS, the relentless pursuit of knowledge is evident in its expansive research initiatives. The research contributions of NIMHANS are vast and varied. Playing a pivotal role in national policy and programming, NIMHANS has been at the forefront of shaping the mental health landscape in India. The institute remains a driving force for strategizing, reinforcing, and revolutionizing institutional and community-based mental health care services. NIMHANS has substantially contributed to formulating the National Mental Health Policy and has strongly advocated for rights-based mental health care. The institute continues to lead in innovative mental health service delivery.



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference aims to provide a platform for meaningful interaction among professionals in mental health, criminal behavior, and related legal aspects. It seeks to foster collaboration among legal professionals, mental health practitioners and experts, policymakers, and academics by identifying challenges and exploring opportunities for integrated approaches. The conference will focus on discussing and deliberating upon existing mental health laws, policies in India, and legislation dealing with criminal activities. It will also highlight the significant mental health issues faced by individuals interacting with the criminal justice system and address the legal frameworks surrounding these issues. We are confident that this conference will increase awareness among professionals and the public about the complexities of criminal behavior and mental health within the criminal justice system. Moreover, it will catalyze the promotion of educational initiatives that effectively address these critical challenges. This conference would enable the policymakers and stakeholders to relook for further enhancement of laws.

## THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

### 1. Implications of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017

- a. Mental Health and Wellbeing
- b. Access to Mental Health Care
- c. Community-Based Mental Health Care

### 2. Reformulating the Insanity Defense

- a. Alternatives to the Insanity Defense
- b. Perception and Misconceptions
- c. Right of Private Defence from a Mental Health Perspective

### 3. Mental Health Reflections in the POCSO and Juvenile Justice Act

- a. POCSO and Child Mental Health
- b. Juvenile Mental Health
- c. Assessment of the capacity of offending juvenile

### 4. Mental Health Professionals in Legal Proceedings

- a. Competency to Stand Trial
- b. Advocacy and Policy Change
- c. Future of Mental Health Professionals in Legal Proceedings

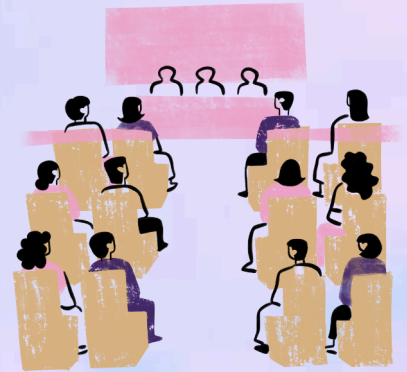
### 5. Mental Health of the Prisoners

- a. Prevalence of Mental Disorders
- b. Access to Mental Healthcare in Prisons
- c. Reintegration and Community Support

\*The mentioned themes are only suggestive, not exhaustive.

### Panel Discussions on:

- Intersection Between Mental Health and Human Rights
- Contours of the Mental Healthcare Act of 2017



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference invites original research articles on the aforementioned themes and subthemes from academicians, researchers, students, and professionals. This includes individuals interested in mental health and criminal behavior or related subjects, such as those working within the Criminal Justice System, mental healthcare professionals, and NGO practitioners. An abstract of 300 words should be submitted on or before February 25, 2025. The abstract should be submitted through the link: [Click Here](#)



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Notification of abstract acceptance will be communicated within 15 days of submission. Following the acceptance of the abstract, the full paper should be submitted on or before March 10, 2025. The link for the submission of the full paper will be sent along with the acceptance of the abstract.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The abstract should be 300 words with a minimum of five (5) keywords and must be accompanied by a cover page with the author's/co-author's details.
- The abstract must be submitted via Google Forms. The link to the same is here: [Click Here](#).
- Word Limit: Full papers should be between 4000 – 6000 words, including footnotes.
- Formatting: Times New Roman, 12 pt font for the main text and 10 pt for footnotes.
- Margins: 2.54 cm on all sides (normal).
- Citation Style: Bluebook 21st Edition.
- File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx).
- Embed all figures, tables, and images within the document and cite them consecutively in the text.
- Ensure each table has a descriptive title and that units are specified in column headings where applicable.
- The submission should be in English.
- A maximum of two co-authors are permitted.
- Selected papers may be facilitated for publication with a reputed publisher. A few selected papers will be published in the form of an edited book with ISBN number, subject to the decision of the review committee.
- The full Paper should be submitted with a plagiarism report.
- After acceptance of the abstract, the full paper must be submitted via the Google form link, which will be provided after acceptance.

### Plagiarism Policy:

The conference has a strict anti-plagiarism policy, permitting up to 10% similarity, with a maximum of 5% AI-generated content. Papers that exceed this limit will be disqualified.

### Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided to the participants on the campus on the payment of Rs 1000 for single and Rs 500 for sharing.

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## **REGISTRATION FEES**

For Academicians/Professionals:

Single Author: Rs. 2500  
Each Co-authors Rs. 1500

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Single Author: Rs. 1500  
Each Co-authors Rs 750

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Last date of abstract Submission:**

February 25, 2025

**Full paper submissions:**

March 10, 2025

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