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NEWSLETTER



**Give me a few men and women
Who are pure and selfless
And I shall shake the world.**

-----Swami Vivekananda

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National Youth Day

Ignite the Self, Impact the World

Meraki Cultural Club at ICFAI Law School celebrated National Youth Day on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi with the inspiring theme "Ignite the Self, Impact the World." The event was organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great spiritual leader and to reflect upon his enduring message to the youth of India.

The programme commenced with a soulful prayer song, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guest Sri Swami Bodhamayananda, Adhyaksha of Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad. A vibrant welcome dance set a graceful tone for the celebrations. Adding to the spirit of the occasion, a thought-provoking skit performed by law students on the themes of self-confidence and inner strength captivated the audience.

In his address, the guest speaker, Sri Swami Bodhamayananda, underscored the pivotal role of youth in nation-building through dedicated service to society. He emphasised that true education goes beyond academic achievement and must nurture character, values, self-confidence, and a deep sense of social responsibility—principles strongly advocated by Swami Vivekananda.

Prof. Prathap Reddy, Dean, ICFAI Law School, highlighted the continued relevance of Swami Vivekananda's teachings in today's globalised world, noting that his ideas provide moral and intellectual guidance to contemporary youth.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Senior Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (Student Activities), and coordinated by Dr. Renu Bala, the Faculty Coordinator of the Meraki Cultural Club. The celebration concluded with a motivating message encouraging students to embody Swami Vivekananda's ideals in building a strong and progressive India, followed by the National Anthem.



MOU Signing Ceremony

Center for Excellence in Gender Studies

ICFAI Law School, a constituent unit of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with My Choices Foundation on January 20, 2026.

The MoU was formally signed by Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director, ICFAI Law School, and Dr. Farzana Khan, Head of Project Operations, My Choices Foundation.

Ms. Astha Srivastava, Coordinator, Center for Excellence in Gender Studies at ICFAI Law School, outlined the objectives of the MoU, underscoring its significance in enhancing academic collaboration and promoting social engagement in gender justice, women's empowerment, and social welfare. Welcoming the guests, Prof. Prathap Reddy, Dean, ICFAI Law School, expressed confidence that the partnership would foster meaningful academic and social outcomes.

In his Presidential remarks, Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director, ICFAI Law School, highlighted the need for experiential learning in legal education and noted that the collaboration would create opportunities for students through joint programmes, internships, volunteer initiatives, and placement prospects. Ms. Pearl Choragudi, Head of Interventions at My Choices Foundation, delivered an inspiring address encouraging students to engage deeply with societal realities through community-based initiatives.

The event was attended by Ms. Soumya, Senior Councillor; Sufiya Fatima, Councillor; Ehtasham Hasan, Assistant Programme Coordinator at My Choices Foundation; and faculty members and students of ICFAI Law School.



The Legal Aid Society

To Empower & Engage

Speed Mentoring Programme

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School organised a Speed Mentoring Programme on January 10, 2026, at the Cherial Gram Panchayat Meeting Hall, Kandi Mandal, Sangareddy District, to promote legal awareness among women sarpanches, ward members, and ASHA Workers. The session focused on the role of the National Commission for Women and State and District Women Commissions in safeguarding women's rights. Participants were informed about complaint mechanisms, helpline services (14490), and digital platforms such as Her Legal Guide and She-Box. A poster presentation and case study on domestic violence proceedings under the law provided practical insights into how commissions assist women through counselling, legal support, and protection orders.

The programme was attended by Smt. Chevella Reka, Sarpanch of Cherial Village and Working President of the Telangana State Women Sarpanch Federation; Smt. Athelli Sangeetha, Sarpanch of Kyasara Village; along with other sarpanches from Yeddumailaram, Cherlagudam, and Bhanor. Funded by IFHE Management, the initiative aimed to promote legal literacy and women empowerment through awareness of their rights and available redressal mechanisms.



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A street play on the Right to Education

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School organised a street play on the Right to Education to commemorate the 77th Republic Day on January 26, 2026, at Balreddyguda Village, Mominpet Mandal, Vikarabad District.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean, ICFAI Law School, who underscored the importance of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act and reaffirmed that education is a fundamental right crucial for individual empowerment and national development.

Through informative posters and an impactful street play, Legal Aid members highlighted barriers such as poverty, social constraints, and lack of awareness, while emphasizing that education is a legal and moral entitlement, not an act of charity. The event was attended by the Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch of the village.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. K.V. Ravikumar, Assistant Professor, who expressed appreciation for the support and active participation of the village leaders and community members. The programme was organised by Dr. S. Kannan, Coordinator of the Legal Aid Society, along with its members, as part of their outreach to provide free legal awareness services to marginalised communities.



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Ending Violence, Ensuring Justice for the Girl Child

ICFAI Law School achieved notable success in a legal aid competition organised by the District Legal Services Authority for law institutions across the district to commemorate the 77th Republic Day Celebrations. The event was centred on the theme "Ending Violence, Ensuring Justice for the Girl Child," with the objective of raising awareness about the legal rights of girls and promoting a safe and just environment in society.

In the Essay Competition, Bhavika Sharma (BBA LL.B. (Hons.), 1st Year) secured the First Prize, while Sai Sharanya (BA LL.B. (Hons.), 3rd Year) was declared Runner-Up. In the Reel Making Competition, O. Hasvitha (BBA LL.B. (Hons.), 1st Year) won the First Prize, and Sharanya (BAJ LL.B. (Hons.), 1st Year) secured the Runner-Up position.

The prizes were presented by Sri A. Karnakumar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, during the Republic Day celebrations held at the District Court Complex. Each winner received a memento and a certificate in recognition of their achievement.



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To Empower & Engage

Legal Podcast

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School produced a legal podcast on gender-based violence and workplace harassment, focusing on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act (POSH Act).

The podcast featured Smt. Pamulaparthi Revathi Devi, President of the Women's Federation in Telangana, who discussed abuse in domestic, educational, and workplace settings, including non-physical forms such as emotional, psychological, financial, and digital abuse. The session also examined the role of Internal Committees, implementation challenges, and reporting barriers faced by students, interns, and trainees.



The Legal Aid Society

To Empower & Engage

Legal Podcast

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE Hyderabad, produced a legal podcast on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, and related constitutional protections. Dr. Kiranmai, a certified POSH trainer and CSR Centre Head, discussed menstrual equity, proposed menstrual leave policies, menstrual health awareness, and the need for accessible hygiene products.

The podcast highlighted issues such as Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, Period stigma and its impact on mental health, the importance of wash facilities in educational institutions, and the challenges in implementing menstrual leave policies in India. The discussion concluded that menstrual health is closely linked to human rights and gender equality and stressed the importance of educating both men and women to break social taboos.



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Legal Podcast

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE Hyderabad, produced a legal podcast on pregnancy-related violence. The discussion focused on the legal aspects of surrogacy and abortion in India. It examined the evolution of surrogacy laws, including the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, which bans commercial surrogacy, and analyzed the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.

The podcast highlighted issues related to women's reproductive rights, legal protections, and broader challenges to reproductive justice in India.



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Showcasing Excellence



Dr. M. Geetha Priyadarsani, Assistant Professor, published two research articles in reputed journals:

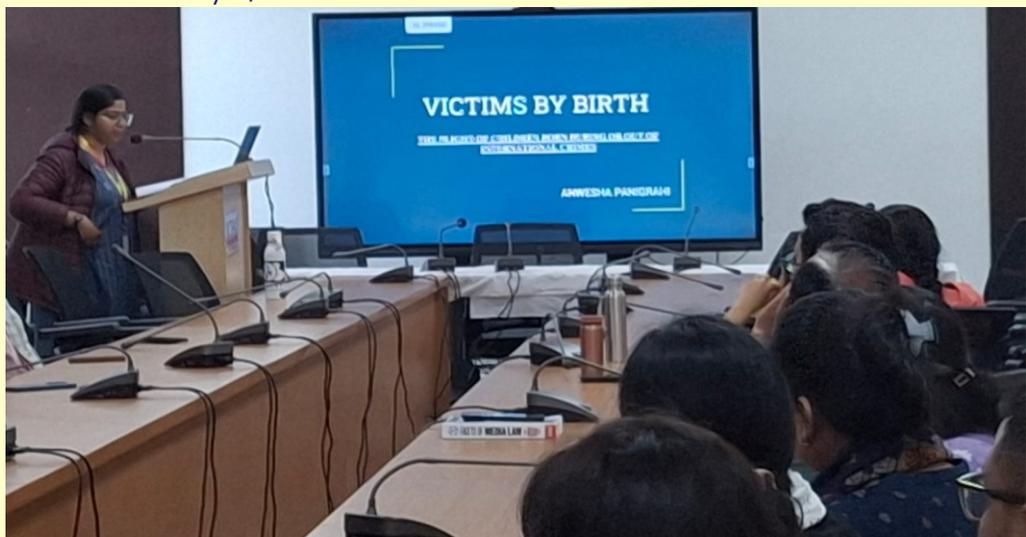
1. "E-Waste Management in Hyderabad's Higher Educational Institutions: Policies, Practices and Impact" in the International Journal of Law Management and Humanities, Volume 9, Issue 1, pp. 617-641 (2026.)
2. "Women Safety and Security – With Reference to the State of Telangana" in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research, ISSN: 2582-8878, Volume VII, Issue VI (2026).



Dr. Arun Kumar, Senior Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (Student Activities), presented a paper titled "Balancing Urban Development and the Right to Livelihood: The Difficulties of Street Vendors in Hyderabad" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on "Legal Framework and Socio-Economic Realities of Street Vendors: Rights, Livelihood and Urban Inclusion," organized by Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi, Kerala.



During the faculty seminar Ms. Anwesh Panigrahi, Assistant Professor, presented a paper titled "Victims by Birth – The Plight of Children Born During or Out of International Crimes" on January 8, 2026.



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Dr. Sri Priya, Assistant Professor, spoke on “Silent Crisis: Exploring AI Conversations and Teen Suicides” on January 22, 2026 at the faculty seminar.



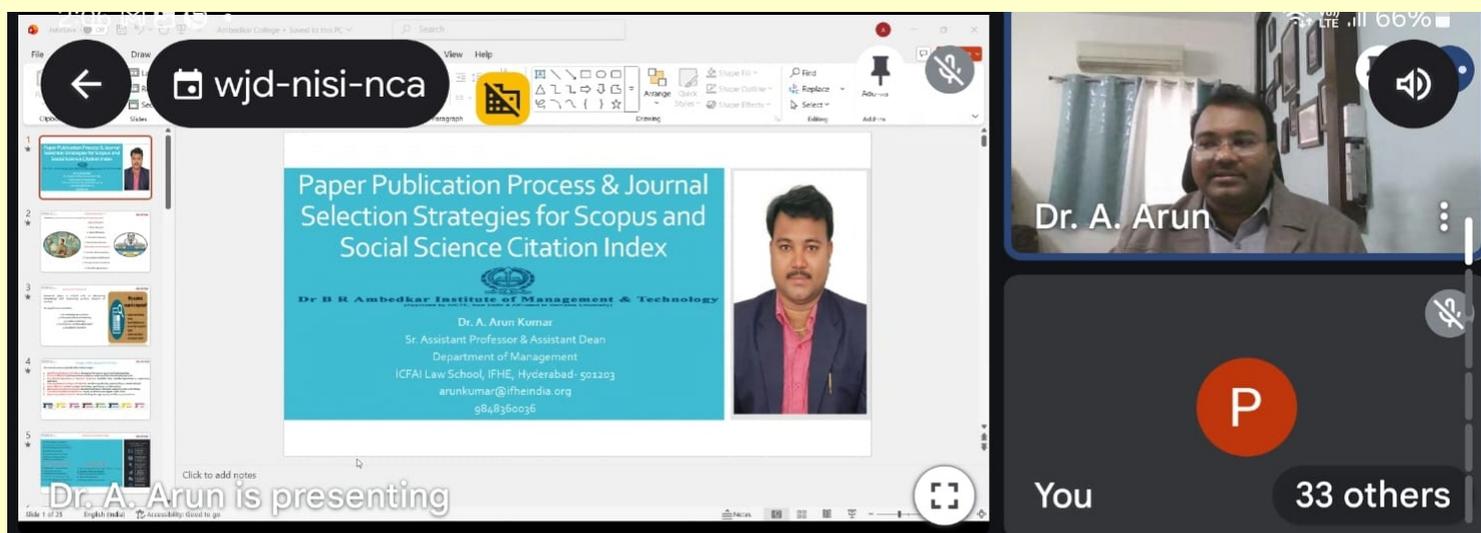
Dr. M. V. Subhashini, Assistant Professor, explored the topic “Balancing Urban Development and the Right to Livelihood of Street Vendors: Their Difficulties in Hyderabad” on January 27, 2026 during the faculty seminar.



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Showcasing Excellence

Dr. Arun, Senior Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (Student Activities), delivered a lecture on "Journal Selection Strategies for Scopus and Social Science Citation Index" on December 11, 2025, during a Five-Day Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology and Paper Writing Techniques with an Interdisciplinary Approach, sponsored by ICSSR. The programme was organized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Management and Technology, Baghlingampally, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), Hyderabad.



Paper Publication Process & Journal Selection Strategies for Scopus and Social Science Citation Index



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Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Senior Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (Student Activities), invited as a guest speaker to deliver a lecture on “Empowering Urban Local Bodies and Municipal Institutions for Sustainable Urban Development” at the conclave titled “Envisioning Sustainable Cities – Conversations on Urbanization and Sustainability,” organized by the All India Professionals Congress and the Indian National Congress on January 24, 2026, at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club, Aziz Nagar, Hyderabad.



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Dilip Sharma, Assistant Professor, was invited as a panelist at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad, for the National IP Yatra 2026 on 28th and 29th January 2026.



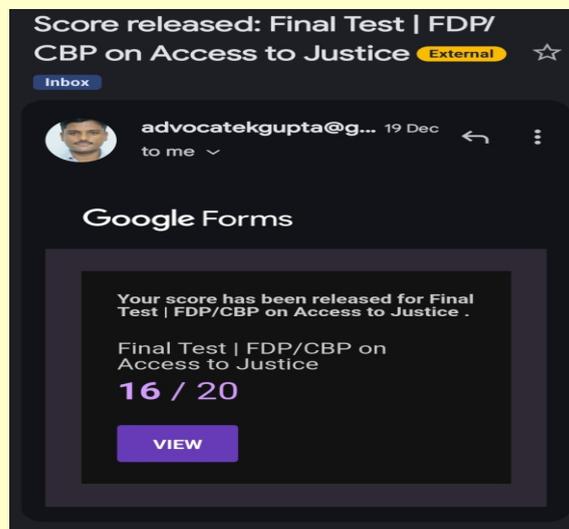
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Dr. Kannan, Assistant Professor, was awarded a certificate of completion for successfully completing the SWAYAM online course on Sociology of Gender, offered by Dr. Jasleen Kewlani of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala.



Dr. S. Kannan, Assistant Professor, was awarded a certificate of completion for participating in a seven-day online Capacity Building Programme (CBP)/Faculty Development Programme on "Access to Justice," held from December 8th to 14th, 2025, organized by KLE Law Society's College, Chikodi, in collaboration with ProBono India.



On the Horizon

Upcoming Events

ARUDVEG 2026 from 13th - 15th March 2026.

TRITHI 2026 from 2nd -4th April 2026.

ICFAI Conference of Nations 2026 (ICON) from 17th - 19th April 2026.



Celestial Whispers

Quote of the Month

**“There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.”**

-----Shakespeare