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## **Teachers' Day Celebration**

## **Honoring the Heart and Soul of Education**

On September 5, 2024, the Cultural Club of ICFAI Hyderabad organized a vibrant Teachers' Day celebration at the Conference Hall, commemorating the birth anniversary of one of India's most revered scholars and former President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The event began with a warm welcome note from the students, setting a festive tone for the occasion.

Dr. Pujari Ravisekhararaju, Director of ICFAI Law School, delivered his introductory remarks, highlighting the pivotal role that teachers play in shaping the future of students. He encouraged students to take full advantage of the campus resources to foster their personal and academic development. Several esteemed faculty members, including Prof. Akbar Khan, Prof. Veena, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Rekhraj Jain, and Dr. Kesari, shared their reflections on the significance of Teachers' Day.

In a gesture of appreciation, the students presented gifts to all the teachers, expressing their gratitude for the continuous support and guidance they received. The celebration also featured several activities for the teachers, such as tongue twisters, puzzles, and a lively game of antakshari, which brought smiles and laughter, creating a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks expressing heartfelt gratitude to the teachers for their unwavering commitment and mentorship.





# Freshers' Day

## **The Spirit of Togetherness**

ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, hosted its much-anticipated Fresher's Day on September 12th, 2024, at the IBS Seminar Hall. This annual event is a significant milestone for incoming students, serving as an exciting gateway to their academic journey. This year's celebrations were filled with joy, high spirits, and memorable moments, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration.

The day kicked off with a sumptuous lunch, setting a warm and inviting tone for the afternoon's festivities. The celebrations commenced at 2:00 PM in the seminar hall, where the spotlight was on the new students and their talents. A variety of performances, including dance, singing, and the ever-popular ramp walk, showcased the enthusiasm and creativity of the freshers. The competition unfolded over three exciting rounds. The ramp walk stood out as a focal point, where participants demonstrated their confidence, teamwork with partners, and ability to command the stage. The final rounda Question and Answer sessionallowed the contestants to display their wit, charm, and personality.

The highlight of the event was the much-anticipated announcement of Mr. and Miss. Fresher 2024, amidst enthusiastic cheers from the audience. Alongside these prestigious titles, several students received special accolades, including awards for best dressed, best smile, most confident, and most popular, adding an extra layer of excitement and distinction to the celebration.

The event concluded with an exhilarating DJ session, where students, danced away their stress, and fully embraced the lively and vibrant atmosphere. The dance floor came alive with laughter and excitement, as students bonded over shared joy, creating unforgettable memories.





## **MOOT COURT The Pinnacle of Advocacy**

### **Best Speaker Award**

A team from ICFAI Law School, consisting of Vunguturi Naga Pavani Pranathi (Speaker 1), Chindham Likhitha (Speaker 2), and Chukkapalli Srujana (Researcher), from the Semester-V 2022-2027 batch, participated in the Alwardas National Moot Court Competition 2024, organized by NVP Law College, Visakhapatnam, on September 14 and 15. The team demonstrated exceptional legal acumen and advocacy skills, standing out among the participants.

In recognition of her outstanding performance, Vunguturi Naga Pavani Pranathi was awarded the coveted **"Best Speaker"** title, adding a significant achievement to the team's success.



### **Semi-Finalists**



A team from ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, comprising Sakshi Nayyar (Speaker 1), Chanakya Prabudhha (Speaker 2), and Madesh J. (Researcher), participated in Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Gurugram International Moot Court Competition, which focused on International Environmental Law.

The competition began with the Researcher Test on August 30, followed by the Preliminary Rounds and Quarterfinals on August 31, and concluded with the Semifinals and Finals on September 14.

Throughout the event, the ICFAI team displayed exceptional legal expertise, delivering a strong performance in this competitive event.

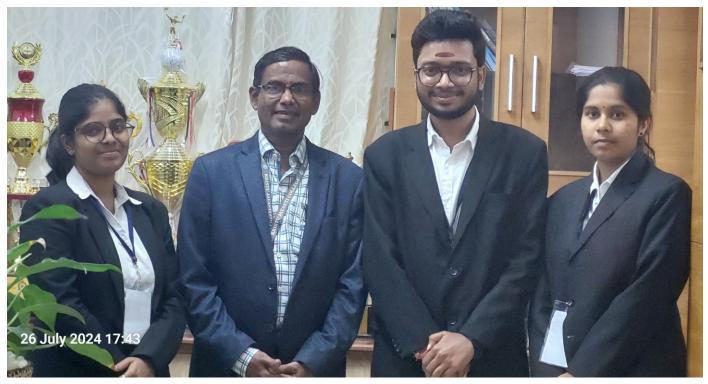




## **MOOT COURT The Pinnacle of Advocacy**

### **Quarter- Finalists**

Third-year BBA-LLB students from ICFAI Law School Padakanti Srikar, Chunduru Vaishnavi Priya, and Ravula Siri Vennela represented the institution at the Kristu Jayanti National Moot Court Competition, held at Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, from July 25 to 27, 2024. Demonstrating outstanding legal expertise and skills, the ICFAI team advanced to the Quarter finals, showcasing their dedication and proficiency in this highly competitive event. Their performance reflects the strong legal training and commitment to excellence fostered at ICFAI Law School.







#### Io Empower & Engage

## **Girl Child Safety, Health, and Hygiene**

On September 11, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a Speed Mentoring program themed "Girl Child Safety, Health, and Hygiene" at the Zilla Parishad High School for Girls in Shankarpally Municipality, Ranga Reddy District.

The event commenced with a formal welcome address delivered by the principal of the school, Mrs. Vedhasree followed by an insightful presentation from Mrs. Geetha Priyadarshini, which underscored the importance of health and hygiene for the girl child, particularly emphasizing the significance of menstrual hygiene.

Designed to create awareness and empower young girls, the program featured a series of quick yet impactful activities. BA LLB (Hons.) final year students, under the coordination of Vineet Panda, presented a skit that illustrated the importance of menstrual hygiene. This engaging performance was followed by a demonstration by Rayavarapu Navya Tanuja on the proper use of sanitary pads. Additionally, informative posters were showcased: one on Menstrual Hygiene presented by Tejaswini, Sahithi, and Deekshitha (BALLB, 3rd Semester), and another emphasizing the importance of girl child health by Chakrika and Tapaswi (BALLB, 7th Semester). The program concluded with a quiz designed to reinforce the concepts of health and hygiene

The sessions were highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from nearly 300 girls across grades 6 to 10. Ms. Kommidi Raja Rishitha (BALLB, 9th Semester) skillfully anchored the event, while K. Aishwarya Reddy and Sunil (BA.LLB, 7th Semester) captured the moments through video and photography. The event also garnered media coverage from publications such as Pragathi Express and Royal Post, highlighting the importance of addressing girls' health and hygiene.







### **Raising Awareness on the Importance of Labour Cards**

On September 14, 2024, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Brahmam NGO, organized a legal assistance program for unorganized workers in the Shankarpally Mandal region. The initiative aimed to address the workers' need for labor cards, which provide access to welfare schemes and protect their rights under Indian labor laws. To ensure a meaningful impact, applications for labor cards were collected from the workers, with plans to commence the registration process in the coming week.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. Kannan, along with active participation from the Legal Aid Society members. This initiative marks another step forward in the Legal Aid Society's mission to provide vital legal assistance to marginalized groups.





### **Safeguarding the Rights of Parentless Children**

On September 14, 2024, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a speed mentoring program at the SOS Children's Village in Vattinagulapalle, Ranga Reddy District. The program aimed to provide participants with crucial insights into child protection, particularly for those in vulnerable situations, and offered practical support mechanisms for ensuring the well-being of these children.

Mrs. Gowri Prasanna, Assistant Director of SOS Children's Village, briefed the members of the Legal Aid Society on practices and care protocols followed at the institution emphasizing the comprehensive support structure in place. Following the orientation, Dr. K.V. Ravikumar, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School, delivered a keynote address that highlighted the need for robust legal frameworks and social initiatives to protect these children.

The Mime Act, performed by members of the Legal Aid Society, creatively conveyed the message of treating parentless children with respect, care, and equality. In addition to the mime performance, Sahithi and Tejaswini presented a poster exhibition that focused on children's health and hygiene practices. The program concluded with an interactive "Circle of Support" activity, facilitated by students K. Pradeepa, V. Pravallika, and P.V. Sai Kushal, that encouraged children to identify the individuals and groups they can rely on for support during challenging times.

Photography and videography for the event were managed by S. Venkat and A. Sunil Prashant, students in the seventh semester. The program was attended by faculty members Dr. S. Kannan and Dr. Iti Vyas, alongside members of the Legal Aid Society. The event garnered significant media attention, with coverage by Deccan Vision, The Pioneer, and Nava Telangana





### **Speed Mentoring Program on Digital Safety**

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, conducted a Speed Mentoring Program on Digital Safety at PMSHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, located in the Ordnance Factory, Yeddumailaram, Sangareddy district, on September 18, 2024. This initiative aimed to educate students about prevalent cyber threats, including hacking, phishing, and online scams, which are increasingly relevant in today's digital landscape. The event saw active participation from approximately 250 students ranging from 9th to 12th standard, along with the school's faculty, including the principal-incharge, Mrs. Madhuri.

Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar, Assistant Professor, delivered a keynote address on the importance of cyber safety, emphasizing the significance of the newly enacted Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. The poster presentation by the members of the Legal Aid Society showcased the national cybercrime helpline number, 1930, aimed at encouraging students to report any suspicious online activity. A drama was performed that creatively illustrated common online scams offering practical tips on how to recognize and protect against such threats.

Additionally, educational videos were screened, depicting various forms of digital fraud.

Following the videos, an interactive session was held, where students were asked to identify the fraudulent activities shown, reinforcing their understanding of cyber threats. Dr. S. Kannan, alongside the dedicated members of the Legal Aid Society, expertly coordinated the event, ensuring its success and leaving a lasting impact on the student's understanding of digital security.





#### Awareness and Registration Drive for the e-SHRAM Scheme

On September 27, 2024, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the NGO Association for Needy & Kindle the Illiterate Through Action (ANKITA), conducted an awareness and registration drive for the e-SHRAM scheme, for the unorganized workers in Shankarpally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana. The event was aimed to educate and facilitate the registration of workers, empowering them to benefit from the welfare initiatives of the Ministry of Labour.

Dr. S. Kannan and Mr. Brahmam provided comprehensive overviews of the Ministry of Labour's initiatives and the various welfare schemes designed for unorganized workers. ANKITA NGO volunteers efficiently managed the registration process of 65 workers from local labor markets and construction sites who received soft copies of their e-SHRAM cards directly on their smartphones. These workers will now be eligible for Rs 2 lakh accidental insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. Additionally, a toll-free helpline (14434) was promoted for ongoing e-SHRAM assistance, ensuring continuous support. The laminated e-SHRAM cards will be distributed during a Legal Aid Camp scheduled for October 5, 2024, by the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority.



#### **Access to Justice:**

#### **Ensuring Equal Access to Legal Aid for Marginalized Communities.**

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, hosted an online Legal Aid Conclave on "Access to Justice: Ensuring Equal Access to Legal Aid for Marginalized Communities." The event featured M. Venkateswara Rao, District Judge and Chairman of the Telangana State Endowment Tribunal, Hyderabad, who also serves as the Chief Judge of the City Civil Court, Hyderabad. The conclave aimed to shed light on the importance of providing equitable legal support to marginalized communities, emphasizing the need for accessible justice for all.



### As Volunteers at the National Lok Adalat in Telangana

On September 28, 2024, members of the Legal Aid Society from ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, actively participated as volunteers in the National Lok Adalat held across various district and local courts in Telangana. The event took place at the offices of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in Ranga Reddy District Court, Hyderabad City Civil Court, Secunderabad City Civil Court, Sangareddy District Court Complex, Medchal District Court Complex, and Kukatpally Court Complex.

During the Lok Adalat, the Legal Aid Society members assisted legal aid counsels in settling a wide range of disputes, including cases related to bank loan recovery, accident claims, automobile theft, matrimonial disputes, and instances of cheating and dishonesty. The cases were amicably resolved through compounding while still pending in court. This experience not only provided law students with practical insights into case resolution but also empowered them to contribute to society by advancing legal inclusion.





## FACULTY CORNER Showcasing Excellence

### **Workshop on**

### the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act

The Centre of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, successfully hosted a three-day workshop from September 23 to 25, 2024. Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change, the workshop was tailored for Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers, with a focus on enhancing their understanding of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Vijaylakshmi Sharma, Professor and Director of the Teachers Training Centre at Manipal University, Jaipur, and a certified POSH trainer. Her keynote address highlighted the importance of legal frameworks in ensuring safe and respectful workplaces within government services. The inaugural session also featured Mr. D.V.N. Murty, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, who delivered the introductory remarks, outlining the objectives of the workshop and its significance for IFS officers.

Dr. M. Geetha Priyadarsani, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School, expressed gratitude to the participants, faculty, and organizers with a formal vote of thanks, recognizing the valuable collaboration that made the event possible. The session was hosted by Dr. B. Gowri Chanal, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School, who ensured a smooth flow of proceedings throughout the inaugural event.

This workshop reflects ICFAI Law School's commitment to empowering professionals in public service with essential legal knowledge, fostering a safer and more inclusive working environment.





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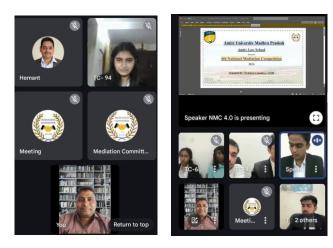
#### Access to Justice for Underprivileged people in India - Challenges Ahead



Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar contributed a chapter titled "Access to Justice for Underprivileged people in India - Challenges Ahead" in edited volume 'Constitutionality of Rights in India', edited by Dr. Zubair Ahmed, Vol-I, 2024, pp.241-249, ISBN -9789352251612.

## **4th National Mediation Competition (Online)**

Dr. Sadanand Karhale, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, was invited to serve as a distinguished judge at the 4th National Mediation Competition (Online), organized by Amity University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, on September 11, 2024. His participation as a judge in this prestigious event highlights his expertise in mediation and legal education.





Dr. Sadanand Karhale Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad



## MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING Building Partnerships

### **International Academic Leaders Meet 2024**

On 4th September 2024, ICFAI Law School, a constituent unit of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, hosted the prestigious International Academic Leaders Meet at its campus. The event brought together distinguished academic leaders from top law schools around the world, including Texas A&M School of Law, University of New Hampshire - Franklin Pierce School of Law, William & Mary Law School, Widener University - Delaware Law School, Tilburg Law School, SOAS London, and Georgetown Law.

The event was presided over by Prof. L.S. Ganesh, Vice Chancellor of IFHE, and attended by Dr. P. Ravisekhararaju, Director of ICFAI Law School, alongside Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Prof. Akbar Khan, and Dr. K. Hariharan, the event's organizer. In his welcome address, Dr. K. Hariharan highlighted ICFAI Law School's ambitious goal of becoming a globally recognized institution in legal education. In his keynote speech, Prof. L.S. Ganesh emphasized the growing significance of academic collaboration and stressed the importance of taking an in-depth approach to fostering partnerships that lead to mutually beneficial outcomes.

A significant milestone of the event was the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between ICFAI Law School and William & Mary Law School as well as Delaware Law School - Widener University. These MoUs aim to promote student and faculty exchange programs, joint research initiatives, and other collaborative academic ventures. Dr. P. Ravisekhararaju praised these partnerships as a critical step toward building dynamic institutional relationships, while Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy reaffirmed ICFAI Law School's leadership in innovative academic practices, expressing confidence that these collaborations will significantly enhance the institution's academic metrics and global reputation.

The visiting academic leaders also engaged in an interactive session with the students, which energized both the students and the guests, fostering a spirit of collaboration and intellectual curiosity.





# ALUMNI MEET 2024

### **Reliving the Moments**

On 21st September 2024, ICFAI Law School, a constituent unit of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, hosted a successful and vibrant Alumni Meet at the prestigious Taj Deccan, Hyderabad. The event was meticulously organized with the support of the Corporate Administration, Punjagutta. Dr. K. Hariharan, Alumni Relations Coordinator, led the program, welcoming attendees and introducing the distinguished special guests to Prof. P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, and Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean of ICFAI Law School.

The special invitees included Advocate Praveen Jain, Partner at Jurisprime Law Services, and Advocate Premkumar Pothina, Founder & Managing Partner of Premkumar Pothina Associates. Both have been long-standing supporters of the institution, facilitating internships and campus recruitment opportunities. Also in attendance were Ms. Rohini Naidu, social entrepreneur and founder of IRA Health Care, incubated through ICFAI's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cell (IEC), and Ms. Tejashri, entrepreneur and founder of The Earth's Campingboth successful alumni of the law school.

In his welcome address, Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy expressed the deep emotional connection between ICFAI Law School and its alumni. Prof. P. Ravisekhararaju, in his opening remarks, emphasized the value of alumni networking in building connections that can lead to internships, jobs, and professional collaborations for current students.





# ALUMNI MEET 2024

Among the keynote speakers, Advocate Praveen Jain stressed the importance of adopting a comprehensive, in-depth approach to litigation for young advocates, describing it as a lifelong learning process. Advocate Premkumar Pothina encouraged the next generation of lawyers to commit to continually improving their skills and knowledge. Ms. Rohini Naidu highlighted the significance of social entrepreneurship, urging young lawyers to contribute to solving societal issues in healthcare, education, and legal awareness. Ms. Tejashri expressed her gratitude to the institution for its continuous support, noting how the education she received at ICFAI Law School enabled her to launch her start-up.

Several alumni shared their views during the event, expressing a strong desire to support the institution by creating networking opportunities and facilitating job placements for current students.

The evening concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Md. Akbar Khan, a professor at ICFAI Law School. Over 145 participants attended the event, enjoying an evening of meaningful discussions, reminiscing, and camaraderie, followed by a delightful dinner.







## Webinar Virtual Learning Unlocked

Dr. Hariharan, Associate Professor at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, organized a webinar titled "Higher Education Abroad: A Strategic Approach" on September 21, 2024. The session featured Ms. Poonam Yarlagadda, Founder and Partner of Ascent Consulting, as the speaker. Ms. Yarlagadda provided valuable insights into the process of pursuing higher education overseas, discussing key strategies and considerations for students aiming to study abroad.



Speaker Ms. Poonam Yarlagadda, Founder & Partner - Ascent Consulting

# Placements

From Campus to Career



Mr. Arvind Ramakrishna and Ms. Nishtha Chopra have been successfully selected as Associate Consultants in the Risk Consulting (Compliance) division. This significant accomplishment highlights the robust academic training and professional expertise cultivated at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, showcasing the institution's commitment to producing industry-ready graduates.





# On the Horizon Upcoming Events

Intra Moot Court Competition to be held on November 9, 2024.



#### Celestial Whispers Quote of the Month

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r, And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave, Awaits alike th' inevitable hour. The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

----Thomas Gray

