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# ICFAI Conference of Nations (ICON 2026)

## Inaugural Ceremony

ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, successfully organized the 10th ICAFI Conference of Nations (ICON 2026) from 17-19 April 2026, bringing together 301 delegates from over 115 institutions across India. Centered on the theme "Diplomacy Redefined in a Changing International Order," the conference provided a dynamic platform for students to develop leadership, diplomacy, negotiation, and policy-making skills through committee simulations and debates.

The conference was inaugurated with a Welcome Address by Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Assistant Dean (Student Activities), who welcomed the dignitaries and delegates. Prof. P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, ICAFI Law School, delivered the Introductory Remarks, emphasizing the significance of academic forums that promote informed dialogue on contemporary global issues. Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean, ICAFI Law School, introduced the conference theme and spoke on the evolving nature of diplomacy in a rapidly changing international environment.

In his Presidential Address, Prof. T. Koti Reddy, Vice-Chancellor (In-charge), IFHE, underscored the importance of critical thinking, cooperation, and responsible leadership in addressing global challenges. Delivering the Chief Guest Address, Hon'ble Sri Justice G. V. Seethapathy, Former Judge of the High Court for the State of Andhra Pradesh, encouraged participants to uphold constitutional values, ethical leadership, and the rule of law in public life. The inaugural session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Sridevi D. Shet, Assistant Professor, ICAFI Law School.

The conference featured six committees UNHRC, DISEC, UNCCPCJ, Ad-Hoc Crisis Committee, Lok Sabha, and the International Press Corps which conducted nine technical sessions on issues such as human rights, nuclear proliferation, organized crime, geopolitical conflicts, and transgender rights legislation.



# ICFAI Conference of Nations (ICON 2026)

## Valedictory Ceremony

The Valedictory Ceremony began with a Welcome Address by Prof. P. Ravisekhararaju, who reflected on the success of the conference and the enthusiastic participation of delegates. Ms. Sridevi D. Shet presented the Conference Report, highlighting the key proceedings and outcomes of the three-day event. Dr. A. Arun Kumar appreciated the efforts of the organizing team and participants.

The Chief Guest, Shri Partha Sarathi Ganguly, Chief Legal Officer (South and East), GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited, delivered an insightful address on leadership, negotiation, professional ethics, and the practical relevance of diplomacy in today's interconnected world. Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean, offered the Concluding Remarks, emphasizing dialogue, cooperation, and informed decision-making as essential tools for addressing contemporary global challenges.

Professor Veena, ICFAI Law School, delivered the Ceremonial Note, commending the delegates for their commitment and encouraging them to continue engaging responsibly with global issues. The conference concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Mohammed Faraazuddin, Secretary General, ICON 2026.



# Thrithi 2026

## Annual Undergraduate Cultural Festival

Thrithi 2026, the annual undergraduate cultural festival of the ICAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 2nd, 3rd and 4 April. As the university's flagship co-curricular event, the festival brought together students from all constituent schools to showcase their talents, creativity, and artistic abilities through a wide range of cultural and competitive events.

The festival was organized by ICAI Law School under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, ICAI Law School, with Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Assistant Dean (Student Activities), serving as the Convenor of Thrithi 2026.



The inaugural ceremony was graced by Smt. N. Sobha Rani Yasaswy, Chairperson, ICAI Group, as the Guest of Honour, and Smt. Amala Akkineni, Director, Annapurna College of Film and Media, and Founder & Chairperson, Blue Cross of Hyderabad, as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, Smt. Amala Akkineni inspired students with her encouraging remarks, while both distinguished guests were felicitated by university officials.



Held at the IFHE Auditorium, the inaugural ceremony was attended by nearly 390 students, faculty members, event coordinators, and senior university officials. The proceedings commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, setting a festive and celebratory tone for the event.

# Thrithi 2026

## Annual Undergraduate Cultural Festival

The occasion was graced by several university dignitaries, including Prof. (Dr.) Tamma Koti Reddy, Vice Chancellor (I/c); Prof. (Dr.) Vijayalakshmi Sedidi, Registrar; Prof. (Dr.) P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, ICFAI Law School; Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Assistant Dean (Student Activities) and Convenor, Thrithi 2026; Prof. (Dr.) K.S. Venu Gopal Rao, Director, ICFAI Business School; Prof. (Dr.) C.S. Shaylajan, Director, ICFAI School of Social Sciences; Prof. (Dr.) Mahendra Sonawane, Principal, ICFAI School of Architecture; Dr. Anjanna Matta, Associate Dean (Student Activities), ICFAI Tech School; Dr. C.S. Pavana Jyothi, Coordinator, Student Activities, ICFAI Business School; Dr. Pooja Choudhary, Coordinator, Student Activities, ICFAI School of Social Sciences; and Ms. Asha Devadas, ICFAI School of Architecture.

Designed to promote artistic talent, encourage inter-school interaction, and provide a platform for creative expression, Thrithi 2026 successfully achieved its objectives through an exciting blend of competitions, live performances, and cultural activities. The festival created a vibrant atmosphere across the campus, making it one of the most memorable editions in recent years.



# International Conference

## Centre for Excellence in Criminal Law

The Centre for Excellence in Criminal Law, ICFAL Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration, organized a three-day International Conference on "Correctional Reforms Novel Vistas" from 13 April 2026. The conference brought together academicians, legal practitioners, policymakers, correctional administrators, and researchers from across the globe to engage in meaningful discussions on contemporary challenges and emerging trends in correctional justice.

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Telangana, as the Chief Guest, alongside Prof. T. Koti Reddy, Vice-Chancellor (In-charge) IFHE, and Prof. S. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE. The proceedings commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, followed by insightful remarks from Prof. P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, ICFAL Law School. Dr. K. S. Rekhraj Jain, Associate Professor and conference coordinator, provided a comprehensive overview of the conference theme, setting the stage for deliberations on transformative and reform-oriented approaches to corrections. The inaugural session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Ms. Anwasha Panigrahi, Assistant Professor.

The conference featured two panel discussions and four technical sessions covering transformative jurisprudence, sentencing and corrections, socio-psycho-legal dimensions, reformative mechanisms, and innovative avenues in rehabilitation. The deliberations underscored the importance of humane, rehabilitative, and technology-enabled correctional systems while fostering collaborative dialogue to advance a more effective, reform-oriented criminal justice framework.



# Two-Day Conference

## Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights,

The Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights, ICAI Law School, Hyderabad, organized a two-day conference on "Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development: Towards a Better Future" on 23-24 April 2026. The event was coordinated by Assistant Professors Mr. Dilip Sharma, Centre Coordinator, Dr. Bhawna Tyagi, and Mr. Abhishek Sharma. The conference brought together academics, legal professionals, and researchers to discuss contemporary issues at the intersection of intellectual property, innovation, and sustainability.

The inaugural session was graced by CS Rashida Adenwala, Founder Partner, R&A Associates, as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. (Dr.) Dhanaji M. Jadhav, Registrar, Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad, and Dr. Ana Penteadó, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Notre Dame Australia, as Guests of Honour. The valedictory session featured Hon'ble Justice B. Prakash Rao, Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, with Prof. (Dr.) Hemalatha Devi as the Special Invitee.

The deliberations focused on emerging challenges relating to artificial intelligence, access to medicines, and environmental sustainability, making the conference a vibrant platform for academic exchange and policy discourse.



# Quiz and Mark Master Competitions

## Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights,

As part of IP Week 2026, the Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, organized the IP Quiz Competition on 21 April 2026 and the Mark Master Competition on 22 April 2026. The events were coordinated by Assistant Professors Mr. Dilip Sharma, Centre Coordinator, Dr. Ritwika Mazumdar and Mr. Rahul Neema.

The competitions attracted enthusiastic student participation and provided an engaging platform to deepen their understanding of intellectual property law. While the IP Quiz tested participants' knowledge of copyright, trademark, and patent law, as well as recent legal developments, the Mark Master Competition promoted trademark awareness through interactive activities such as logo identification, jingle recognition, and tagline association. Together, the events fostered analytical thinking and strengthened students' practical and conceptual understanding of intellectual property rights.

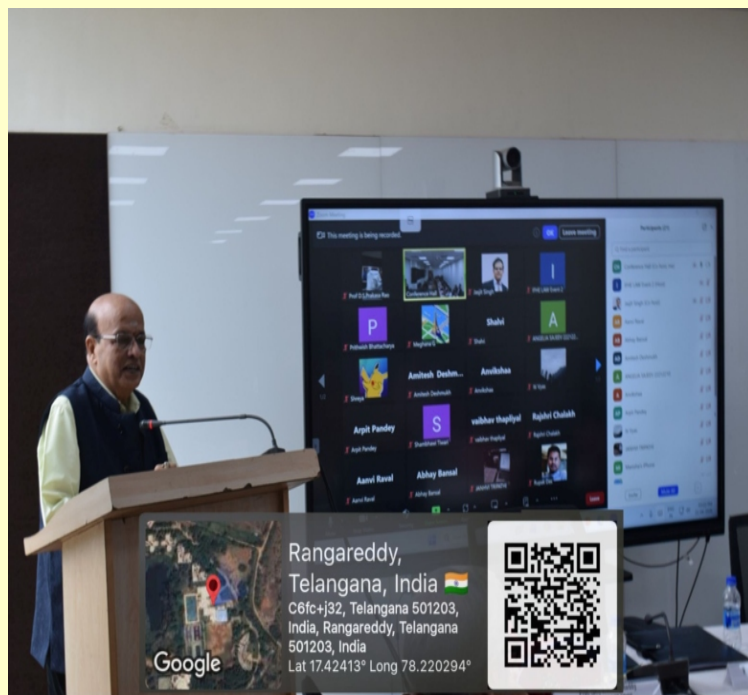


# Workshop

## Centre for Excellence for Corporate and Commercial Laws

The Center for Excellence for Corporate and Commercial Laws, ICAI Law School, Hyderabad, organized a workshop on "Navigating Litigation in Customs and GST: Strategic, Substantive and Procedural Insights" on 21 April 2026. The workshop, attended by 48 participants, provided valuable insights into the complexities of customs and GST litigation.

The resource person, Dr. M. Uma Shankar, a retired IRS officer from the Government of India, delivered an insightful and engaging lecture on navigating litigation within the customs and GST regimes. Drawing upon his extensive professional experience, he discussed the strategic, substantive, and procedural dimensions of tax litigation. The interactive session enabled participants to gain a deeper understanding of the legal and procedural framework governing customs and GST matters. The workshop was coordinated by Mr. Rahul Neema, Assistant Professor, ICAI Law School.



# Lex et Fiscus 2026

## Centre for Excellence for Corporate and Commercial Laws

The Center for Excellence for Corporate and Commercial Laws, ICAI Law School, successfully organized "Lex et Fiscus 2026: A Conference on Corporate and Tax Laws" on 21 April 2026. The conference brought together academicians, legal practitioners, research scholars, and students from India and abroad to discuss contemporary issues in corporate governance and taxation.

Conducted in a hybrid mode, the conference attracted around 90 delegates. It featured 65 research paper presentations across four technical sessions covering corporate governance, digital transformation, insolvency, financial markets, domestic taxation, and emerging international tax regimes. The deliberations highlighted the need for regulatory harmonization, proactive governance, responsible technology integration, and India-centric legal reforms. The conference provided a vibrant platform for academic exchange and meaningful discussions on the future of corporate and tax laws.



# Career Guidance Program

## *Navigating a Success Path*

### Placement and internship opportunities at MRF

On 30th April, 2026 Mr. Narendra Upendra Bhale, Senior Human Resource Manager at MRF Tyres Ltd. Ankenpally Plant in Sadasivapet Mandal, Sangareddy, Telangana, delivered an insightful and enriching session on the organizational structure and operations of MRF Tyres Ltd., while highlighting the industry's expectations and requirements for law graduates seeking employment opportunities. The session was highly interactive, featuring engaging discussions on the skills, competencies, and professional attributes that employers look for in law graduates. Students benefited greatly from the practical insights shared regarding career prospects and industry demands.

Mr. Bhale, expressed keen interest in exploring placement and internship opportunities for ICFAI Law School students at MRF Limited and assured continued support for future academic-industry engagement initiatives. The program was coordinated by Dr. Sadanand Karhale and Dr. Nishit Ranjan



# Farewell Day 2026

## Meraki Cultural Club

The Meraki Cultural Club organized a memorable Farewell Day on 27 April for the Batch of 2021 2026 at the IFHE Auditorium. The event began with an inspiring address by Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director, ICFAI Law School, followed by motivational messages from Prof. Md. Akbar Khan, Associate Dean, and Prof. Hemalatha, Guest of the Day, who extended their best wishes to the graduating students.

The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances, including dance, music, and a student ramp walk. A special highlight was a nostalgic video presentation showcasing memorable moments from the students' journey at ICFAI Law School. Winners of various games and competitions were felicitated, followed by a joyful cake-cutting ceremony.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks. The farewell was a heartwarming occasion that celebrated the achievements, friendships, and cherished memories of the outgoing batch.



# Farewell Day 2026



# The Legal Aid Society

## To Empower & Engage

### Participation in National Lok Adalat

The Legal Aid Society, ICAI Law School, Hyderabad, actively participated in the National Lok Adalat held across Telangana on 28 March 2026. Members of the Legal Aid Team assisted legal counsels in resolving civil and compoundable criminal cases at various courts, including the Ranga Reddy District Court, the City Civil Court, the Sessions Court, Nampally, and the Hyderabad City Civil Court.

The initiative, aimed at promoting amicable settlement of disputes through mutual consent, provided students with valuable practical exposure to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Their participation not only enhanced their understanding of case resolution processes but also contributed to advancing access to justice and legal inclusion.



# The Legal Aid Society

## *To Empower & Engage*

### A Street Play about Lok Adalat Services

The Legal Aid Society, ICAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a street play in Nandigama Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District, to create awareness about Lok Adalat and free legal aid services ahead of the National Lok Adalat held on 28 March 2026. Coordinated by Dr. S. Kannan, Faculty Coordinator, the programme witnessed active participation from rural residents and marginalized communities.

Through engaging performances and awareness materials, students educated the public about legal rights, free legal services, and the benefits of resolving disputes through Lok Adalat, including speedy, cost-free, and amicable settlement. The initiative strengthened legal awareness and promoted access to justice at the grassroots level.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. Kannan, Coordinator, Legal Aid Society, along with student volunteers, under the guidance of Prof. Ravisekara Raju, Director, and Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean, ICAI Law School, Hyderabad.



# The Legal Aid Society

## *To Empower & Engage*

### National Legal Aid Clinic Excellence Award

The Legal Aid Society of ICAI Law School, Hyderabad, secured the Second Prize in the 3rd Edition of Vidhiutsav, National Legal Aid Clinic Excellence Award, organized by UPES Dehradun on 11-12 April 2026. The award recognized the Society's outstanding legal aid and outreach activities undertaken in 2025.

The ICAI Law School team, comprising Mr. Sai RamaKrishna and Mr. Manideep, both III-Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) students represented the institution in the offline presentation round. Their remarkable achievement was the result of an impressive presentation that demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of legal aid issues, innovative approaches to community outreach, and the Legal Aid Society's impactful initiatives.

This accomplishment reflects the students' dedication to promoting access to justice and underscores ICAI Law School's commitment to fostering socially responsible and professionally competent future legal practitioners.



# The Legal Aid Society

## *To Empower & Engage*

### Awareness Programme on the Right against Exploitation

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a legal awareness programme on the Right against Exploitation on 20 April 2026 at Jhansi Lingapur Village, Ramayampet Mandal, Medak District, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Medak, and Naari Mani Collective. The programme aimed to educate rural communities about child labour, bonded labour, human trafficking, minimum wage rights, and free legal aid services.

Sri S. Karunakar, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, DLSA Medak, addressed the participants on constitutional and legal protections against exploitation and highlighted the NALSA Helpline (15100). A poster exhibition and interactive activities were conducted to raise awareness about bonded labour, sexual harassment, and fundamental rights. Pamphlets in Telugu were distributed to enhance legal awareness among the villagers.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. Kannan, Coordinator, Legal Aid Society, along with student volunteers, under the guidance of Prof. Ravisekara Raju, Director, and Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad.



# FACULTY CORNER

## *Showcasing Excellence*

In recognition of his expertise in the areas of dispute resolution, advocacy, and legal adjudication, Dr. Sadanand Karhale was invited to serve as a Judge for a Technical Session at the IV International Conference on "Frontiers in Alternative Dispute Resolution: Global Challenges and Opportunities in Mediation, Arbitration and Beyond" (IC-ALS-AUMP-2026), organized by Amity Law School, Amity University Gwalior (M.P.), on 10 March 2026.



He was also invited to adjudicate the Moot Court Competition organized by Late Adv. Ku. Shalaka Santosh Khandage Law College, Pune, held in online mode on 2 April 2026. The moot proposition addressed contemporary issues in forensic science and digital evidence, including mobile phone records, dating apps, and DNA analysis.



Dr. S. Kannan, Assistant Professor, presented a research paper titled "Dharma as a Cultural Identity: Beyond Legal Codes" at the International Conference on Constitutionalism in Indian Tradition: From Vedas to Samvidhan, held in hybrid mode on 17-18 April 2026. Organized by Gitarattan International Business School, Delhi, the conference provided a platform for scholarly discussions on the constitutional and cultural foundations of Indian traditions.

# Admission Calender

## BBA-LLB(Hons.) / BA-LLB(Hons.) / BAJ-LLB (Hons.)

Last Date for Submission of Application Form	-	5th June 2026
ILSAT 2026		6th June 2026
Personal Interviews		13 & 14 June 2026
Registration		16 - 18 July 2026
Commencement of Preparatory Classes		20 July 2026
Commencement of Classes		27-Jul-26

## One Year LLM Program

Last date for submission of completed Application		06-Jul-26
Date of Entrance Examination		13-Jul-26
Personal Interviews		18-Jul-26
Provisional Admission Intimation		24-Jul-26
Registration & Payment of Program Fee		30 to 31 July 26
Orientation Program		02 & 03 Aug 26
Commencement of Classes		03 Aug 26

## Ph.D Program in Law

Last date for submission of completed Application		06-Jul-26
Date of Entrance Examination		13-Jul-26
Personal Interviews		18-Jul-26
Provisional Admission Intimation		24-Jul-26
Registration & Payment of Program Fee		30 to 31 July 26
Orientation Program		02 & 03 Aug 26
Commencement of Classes		03 Aug 26

# On the Horizon

## *Upcoming Events*



**Faculty Development Programme - 22nd to 28th June 2026**



**Deeksharambh - 13th to 24th July 2026**



## Celestial Whispers

*Quote of the Month*

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**Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.**

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— H.W. Longfellow